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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1596

By: Representative Baird

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND TOURISM FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
TOURISM - COMMUNITY GRANTS GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY GRANTS. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Department of Parks and Tourism, to be payable from the
General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
following:

(A) for grants for construction, renovation, maintenance and purchase
of equipment for parks and recreational facilities, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$15,000,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

No less than thirty (30) days prior to the distribution of any funds



1 appropriated by this act, the director of the agency shall notify the Speaker
2 of the House of Representatives of the name and address of each recipient and
3 the amount that is being distributed to each recipient.
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5 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
6 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
7 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
8 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
9 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
10 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
11 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
12 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
13 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
14 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
15 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
16 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

17 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
18 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
19 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
20 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
21 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
22 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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24 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
26 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
27 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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33 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.