

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1609

5 By: Representative Baird  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR GRANTS TO  
10 PUBLIC LIBRARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
15 ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY - GRANTS GENERAL  
16 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
22 the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library, to be payable from the  
23 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for grants to public libraries, in a sum not to exceed  
26 .....\$15,000,000.  
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28 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

30 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
31 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
32 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
33 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
34 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

35 No less than thirty (30) days prior to the distribution of any funds  
36 appropriated by this act, the director of the agency shall notify the Speaker



1 of the House of Representatives of the name and address of each recipient and  
2 the amount that is being distributed to each recipient.

3 The grants to public libraries authorized by this act shall be  
4 distributed on a per capita basis and include public libraries that do not  
5 meet the guidelines for State Aid to Public Libraries.

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

19 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
20 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
21 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
22 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
23 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
24 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
25 otherwise by law.

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27 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
28 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
29 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
30 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
31 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
32 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
33 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
34 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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36 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

1 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
2 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
5 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
6 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
7 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
8 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
9 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
10 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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