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A Bill

SENATE BILL 754

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE
9 INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR A GRANT TO THE ARKANSAS
10 HEALTH INSURANCE ALLIANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
15 - ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE ALLIANCE
16 GRANT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE ALLIANCE GRANT.

22 There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department, to be
23 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
24 accounts, the following:

25 (A) for a grant to facilitate the access to and enrollment in health
26 care plans in the individual market in this state and include a small
27 business health options program to assist small employers in this state in
28 facilitating the enrollment of their employees in health plans offered by the
29 small employer market, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or



1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

7 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
8 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
9 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
10 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
11 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
12 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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14 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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23 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
24 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
25 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.