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SENATE BILL 254

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
9 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF HEALTH
10 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF HEALTH
14 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REAPPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. There is
21 hereby appropriated, to the Office of Health Information Technology, to be
22 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
23 accounts, for the Office of Health Information Technology - General
24 Improvement Funds the following:

25 (A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
26 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 24 of 2014, for personal services and operating
27 expenses of the Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT), for the State
28 Health Alliance for Records Exchange (SHARE), and for grants to rural or
29 critical access hospitals, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.
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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, 2015 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, 2015 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, 2015.