

1 State of Arkansas
2 90th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2015

A Bill

SENATE BILL 65

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE
9 REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, GRANTS, OPERATING EXPENSES OF
10 THE NOAA WEATHER WARNING SYSTEM, AND OPERATING AND
11 OTHER EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
12 FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION
13 DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND
18 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT - ROAD AND
19 BRIDGE REPAIR, NOAA WEATHER WARNING
20 SYSTEM, AND THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
21 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016
22 FISCAL YEAR.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, AND
29 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Highway and
30 Transportation Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
31 Account, for road and bridge repair, maintenance, and grants for damages
32 resulting from trucks and other heavy machinery used in the extraction of
33 natural gas, of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for
34 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:
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36 ITEM

FISCAL YEAR



1	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2015-2016</u>
2	(01)	ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE	
3		AND GRANTS TO POLITICAL	
4		SUBDIVISIONS	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM. There is

7 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation

8 Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for

9 use in the preparation of project applications, program developments, and as

10 matching monies for the United States Department of Transportation funds and

11 other federal funds, for capital improvements to, and operating assistance

12 for, the Public Transportation Programs serving transportation-dependent

13 persons, of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for the

14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

16	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2015-2016</u>
18	(01)	HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT	
19		FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO RURAL AND	
20		URBAN TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES	
21		FOR PROJECT AND PROGRAM	
22		DEVELOPMENT AND CAPITAL	
23		IMPROVEMENTS TO AND OPERATING	
24		ASSISTANCE FOR THE PUBLIC	
25		TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS SERVING	
26		THE TRANSPORTATION DEPENDENT	<u>\$350,000</u>

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28 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - NOAA WEATHER WARNING SYSTEM. There is

29 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation

30 Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for

31 operating expenses of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

32 Weather Warning Radio System, of the Arkansas State Highway and

33 Transportation Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the

34 following:

36	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
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1	NO.	2015-2016
2	(01) NOAA OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$4,000</u>

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SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF FUNDS. The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department shall use the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this Act exclusively to provide for the maintenance and repair of roads and bridges damaged by trucks and other heavy equipment used for the purposes of extracting natural gas or other drilling operations, by granting of funds to counties or cities. These funds shall not be used for regular road or bridge maintenance or repair nor is there any requirement of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department to ensure that funds are equally distributed by city, county, district, or any other geographical or political subdivision of this state.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MAXIMUM FUNDING ALLOCATION. In no event shall the funding for appropriations made in any fiscal year for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for road and bridge repair, maintenance, and grants exceed the maximum amount of general revenue allocated and distributed under Arkansas Code Annotated 26-58-124 (c)(1) from the previous fiscal year, less six hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$675,000).

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account as allocated for the line item appropriation Road and Bridge Repair, Maintenance, and Grants to Political Subdivisions made in this Act which remains at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year and made available for the same purposes.

1 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may
2 be carried forward under the following conditions:

3 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016 the Agency shall by written statement set
4 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
5 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

6 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
7 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
8 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
9 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
10 Institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or
11 line item, the funding source and a copy of the written request set forth in
12 (1) above;

13 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
14 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
15 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
16 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
17 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
18 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
19 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
20 Committee; and

21 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
22 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
23 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015
25 through June 30, 2016.

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27 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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10 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
12 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.