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2 90th General Assembly
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4

As Engrossed: S3/23/15
A Bill

SENATE BILL 712

5 By: Senator Elliott
6 By: Representative Tucker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS AND AID
10 FOR THE ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
16 ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE APPROPRIATION FOR
17 THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE. There is hereby
24 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
25 Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid for
26 the Arkansas Better Chance Program of the Department of Education for the
27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:
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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
31 (01) ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM	<u>\$16,000,000</u>

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33 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT - ARKANSAS BETTER
34 CHANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be
35 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
36 accounts, the following:



1 (A) for a transfer to the Department of Education Public School Fund
2 Account for grants and aid for the Arkansas Better Chance Program, in a sum
3 not to exceed\$16,000,000.
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5 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
6 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
7 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
8 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
9 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
10 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
11 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
12 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
13 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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15 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
17 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
18 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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24 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.
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36 /s/Elliott