

1 State of Arkansas  
2 91st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2017

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 453

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5 By: Senator Teague

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, EXPENSES  
10 AND FUNDING TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, EXPENSES AND  
16 FUNDING TRANSFERS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
17 APPROPRIATION.

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

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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is  
23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the  
24 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
25 following:

26 (A) for a transfer to the Department of Education Public School Fund  
27 Account for grants and aid for the Arkansas Better Chance Program, in a sum  
28 not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

29 (B) for a transfer to the Department of Education Public School Fund  
30 Account for grants and aid for open-enrollment public charter schools for the  
31 Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program, in a  
32 sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

33 (C) for grants and personal services and operating expenses for  
34 empowering students in Arkansas to understand entrepreneurship and leverage  
35 broadband technologies to innovate and improve their economic and overall  
36 well being, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.



1 (D) for a grant for personal services and operating expenses for  
2 support of the Arkansas Academic Roadmap, in a sum not to exceed  
3 .....\$5,000,000.

4 (E) for a grant for Teach for America for personal services and  
5 operating expenses to provide training and support for Arkansas teachers  
6 statewide, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

7 (F) for grants for breakfast nutritional programs in public schools, in  
8 a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

9 (G) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, instructional  
10 materials and supplies, technology upgrades/equipment, and library resources  
11 for residential or commuter Academic Enrichment for the Gifted/Talented in  
12 Summer programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

13 (H) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, professional  
14 development and training, research, instructional materials and supplies,  
15 technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for an arts-enriched  
16 curriculum, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

17 (I) for grants, personal services, equipping, purchase of supplies and  
18 operating expenses for the Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap, in a  
19 sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

20 (J) for grants for statewide after school literacy, nutrition, home  
21 visiting and early childhood programs to be administered by Save the Children  
22 for low income, at-risk children, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

23 (K) for panic button alert systems expenses, in a sum not to  
24 exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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26 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND  
27 ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
28 payable from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, the  
29 following:

30 (A) for grants and aid for the Arkansas Better Chance Program, in a sum  
31 not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

32 (B) for grants and aid for open-enrollment public charter schools for  
33 the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program, in  
34 a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

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36 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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8 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
9 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
10 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
11 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
12 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
13 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
14 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
15 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
16 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
17 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
18 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
19 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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1        SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
2 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
3 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of  
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm  
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

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