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A Bill

SENATE BILL 421

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
9 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
10 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
14 DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
15 APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable
23 from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

24 (A) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional
25 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,
26 upgrade and repair of real property and facilities of the Arkansas
27 Agriculture Department, in a sum not to exceed\$10,000,000.

28 (B) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional
29 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,
30 upgrade, repair of real property and facilities, personal services and
31 operating expenses related to agriculture disasters, in a sum not to exceed
32\$10,000,000.

33 (C) for construction, renovation, repairs and equipping of new office
34 space, laboratories, and support facilities for the Department of
35 Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed\$6,000,000.

36 (D) for IT software, in a sum not to exceed\$300,000.



1 (E) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional
2 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,
3 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities for the Arkansas Forestry
4 Commission, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

5 (F) for grants for various maintenance, renovation, equipping,
6 construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property
7 and facilities relating to Country and District Fairs of the Arkansas
8 Agriculture Department, in a sum not to exceed\$847,200.

9 (G) for purchase and replacement of aging and outdated laboratory
10 equipment for the Agriculture Department Laboratory, in a sum not to exceed
11\$450,000.

12 (H) for grants or low interest loans to pay for the debts associated
13 with the Arkansas Boll Weevil Suppression Eradication, in a sum not to exceed
14\$13,800,000.

15 (I) for renovations and replacement furnishings for the Arkansas
16 Agriculture Department, in a sum not to exceed\$350,000.

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18 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BOND PROCEEDS. There is hereby
19 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the
20 Bond Proceeds, the following:

21 (A) for construction, renovation, repairs and equipping of new office
22 space, laboratories, and support facilities for the Department of
23 Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed\$60,000,000.
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25 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
26 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
27 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
28 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
29 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
30 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
31 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
32 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
33 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
34 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
35 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
36 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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18 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
19 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
20 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 could work irreparable harm
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019.