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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

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 .....\$1,046,000.

9 (G) for purchase and replacement of aging and outdated laboratory  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.

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 31 /s/ Joint Budget Committee  
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