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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 374

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND
10 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
11 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
15 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND
16 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF DEVELOPMENT
17 AND ENHANCEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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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 SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - CAPITAL
24 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
25 Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from the Development
26 and Enhancement Fund, the following:

27 (A) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
28 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
29 related to waterproofing buildings at the Arkansas School for the Blind
30 campus, in a sum not to exceed\$801,800.

31 (B) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
32 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
33 related to plumbing and sewer line repair and upgrades, in a sum not to
34 exceed\$800,175.

35 (C) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
36 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities



1 relating to electrical upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$474,000.

2 (D) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
3 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
4 to assist with bringing the Arkansas School for the Blind into ADA
5 compliance, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,001.

6 (E) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
7 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
8 related to campus security upgrades at the Arkansas School for the Blind, in
9 a sum not to exceed\$427,700.

10 (F) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
11 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
12 for the renovation and update of the physical education building at the
13 Arkansas School for the Blind, in a sum not to exceed\$295,550.

14 (G) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
15 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
16 for the upgrade and installation of sidewalks and covered sidewalks on the
17 Arkansas School for the Blind campus, in a sum not to exceed\$296,250.

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19 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - CAPITAL
20 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
21 Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf, to be payable from the Development
22 and Enhancement Fund, the following:

23 (A) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
24 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and
25 facilities, in a sum not to exceed\$19,516,808.

26 (B) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
27 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
28 for the implementation of the ASD - Campus Master Plan Phases 1.1, 1.2 and
29 1.3, in a sum not to exceed\$52,378,265.

30 (C) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
31 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
32 for the implementation of the ASD - Campus Master Plan Phases 2.1, 2.2 and
33 2.3, in a sum not to exceed\$16,578,432.

34 (D) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
35 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
36 for the implementation of the ASD - Campus Master Plan Phases 3.1, 3.2 and

1 3.3, in a sum not to exceed\$16,636,758.

2 (E) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
3 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
4 for the ASD Athletic Complex, in a sum not to exceed\$8,306,500.
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6 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
7 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
8 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
9 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
10 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
11 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
12 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
13 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
14 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
15 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
16 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
17 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

18 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
19 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
20 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
21 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
22 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
23 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
24 otherwise by law.
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26 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
27 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
28 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
29 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
30 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
31 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
32 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
33 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.

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