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2 93rd General Assembly
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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 444

5 By: Senator Elliott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 COMMERCE - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR ADULT
10 EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
11 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
15 ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL
17 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 - WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND ADULT EDUCATION
24 PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce -
25 Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
26 Agencies Fund Account, for a grant to World Services for the Blind for
27 personal services, operating expenses, equipment, curriculum and adult
28 education programming services, for costs including but not limited to,
29 assistive hardware and technology, adaptive software and licenses, and
30 retrofitting of classrooms for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the sum
31 of \$2,000,000.
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33 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
34 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
35 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
36 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and



1 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
2 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
3 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
5 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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7 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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16 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
17 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
18 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.