

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2023
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1085

5 By: Representative M. Berry
6 By: Senator Gilmore
7

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE CRIME LABORATORY FOR A NEW
11 STATE CRIME LAB FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
12

Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
14 SAFETY - STATE CRIME LABORATORY
15 DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT
16 APPROPRIATION.
17
18
19

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
21

22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE CRIME LAB FACILITY. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety - State Crime Laboratory, to
24 be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for operating expenses,
25 personal services, land acquisition, land improvement, construction and
26 equipping of a new State Crime Lab facility, in a sum not to exceed
27\$212,070,000.
28

29 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
31 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal
32 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
33 State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State two hundred twelve million
34 seventy thousand dollars (\$212,070,000) from the General Revenue Allotment
35 Reserve Fund to the Development and Enhancement Fund, there to be used
36 exclusively for operating expenses, personal services, land acquisition, land



1 improvement, construction and equipping of a new State Crime Lab.

2
3 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
4 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
5 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
6 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
7 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
8 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
9 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
10 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
11 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
12 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
13 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
14 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

22
23 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

31
32 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
33 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the timely processing of criminal
34 cases requires the acquisition of a new crime lab facility; and that this act
35 would improve the safety of all citizens by providing the Department of
36 Public Safety with the necessary resources to process the increasing number

1 of backlogged criminal cases. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist,
2 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
3 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

4 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

5 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
6 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
7 bill; or

8 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
9 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36