

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

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1488

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6 By: Senator J. English  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES FOR THE  
10 ARKANSAS CYBER RESPONSE BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
11 ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS CYBER RESPONSE  
16 BOARD APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024  
17 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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### SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SELF-FUNDED CYBER RESPONSE PROGRAM.

22 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Cyber Response Board, to be  
23 payable from the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response Program Trust Fund, for  
24 expenses of the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber Response program by the Arkansas  
25 Cyber Response Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:  
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| ITEM  | FISCAL YEAR         |
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| NO.   | 2023-2024           |
| (01) EXPENSES OF THE ARKANSAS CYBER<br>RESPONSE PROGRAM | <u>\$10,000,000</u> |

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33 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
35 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal  
36 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the



1 State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of two million dollars  
2 (\$2,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Arkansas  
3 Self-Funded Cyber Response Program Trust Fund to provide funds for the  
4 appropriation provided herein for expenses of the Arkansas Self-Funded Cyber  
5 Response Program.

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7 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
8 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
9 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
10 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
11 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
12 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
13 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
14 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
15 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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26 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
28 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.