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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 224

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

8 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL  
9 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND  
11 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF; 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  
17 REAPPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - CAPITAL  
24 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
25 Education, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the  
26 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind the following:

27 (A) Effective July 1, 2023, the balance of the appropriation provided  
28 in Item (A) of Section 8 of Act 202 of 2022, for various maintenance,  
29 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and  
30 repair of real property and facilities at the Arkansas School for the Blind  
31 campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$15,000,000.  
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33 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - NCRC  
34 GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
35 payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust  
36 Fund, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind the



following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2023, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 24 of Act 196 of 2022, for the acquisition, management, stewardship or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures or objects, in a sum not to exceed .....\$528,909.

SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2023, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 14 of Act 202 of 2022, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities at the Arkansas School for the Deaf campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$15,000,000.

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

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

1           SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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10           SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
12 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.  
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