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A Bill

SENATE BILL 315

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 COMMERCE - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
12 FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A SPACE PORT FOR THE
13 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
19 ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
20 - FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A SPACE PORT
21 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
22 YEAR.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEASIBILITY STUDY. There is hereby
28 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
29 Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
30 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses for a
31 feasibility study for a space port by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
32 Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
33 following:
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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>



1 (01) SPACE PORT FEASIBILITY STUDY \$950,000

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3 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
5 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
6 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
7 State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of nine hundred fifty
8 thousand dollars (\$950,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund
9 to the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
10 Fiscal Officer of the State, to be used exclusively for a space port
11 feasibility study as appropriated in this act.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023
13 through June 30, 2024.

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

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

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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
36 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023.

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