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A Bill

SENATE BILL 329

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR HISTORICALLY
11 BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES GRANTS AND EXPENSES
12 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER
13 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
19 DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION -
20 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND
21 UNIVERSITIES GRANTS AND EXPENSES
22 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
23 YEAR.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
29 GRANTS AND EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
30 Education - Division of Higher Education, to be payable from the Higher
31 Education Grants Fund Account, the following:

32 (A) for grants for scholarships to Historically Black Colleges and
33 Universities and for personal services and operating expenses as determined
34 by the Division of Higher Education for outreach programs to promote
35 awareness of those scholarships, in a sum not to exceed\$4,000,000.
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1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
 3 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
 4 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
 5 State Treasurer and Auditor of the State the sum of four million dollars
 6 (\$4,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Higher
 7 Education Grants Fund Account for the payment of grants to and for
 8 Historically Black Colleges and Universities as appropriated by this act.

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

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

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 29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 31 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
 33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
 36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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