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2 94th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 336

5 By: Senator M. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A LOAN
9 FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
10 ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -
16 ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM. There is hereby
25 appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the cash fund
26 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
27 the State, for a loan forgiveness program of the Department of Health -
28 Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy for the fiscal year ending June 30,
29 2024, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

35 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
36 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency



1 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
2 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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9 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
10 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
11 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
12 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
13 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
14 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
15 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
16 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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18 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
19 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
20 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.