1	State of Arkansas	A Bill	
2	94th General Assembly		SENATE BILL 416
3	Regular Session, 2023		SENATE DILL 410
4 5	By: Senators C. Tucker, B. Da	vis, L. Chesterfield, Irvin	
6	By: Representative Evans		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO	CREATE THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY O	F ARKANSAS
10	PROGRAM; T	O CREATE THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY	OF
11	ARKANSAS P	ROGRAM FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPO	SES.
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14		Subtitle	
15	TO CR	EATE THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF	
16	ARKAN	SAS PROGRAM; AND TO CREATE THE	
17	IMAGI	NATION LIBRARY OF ARKANSAS PROGR	RAM
18	FUND.		
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS:
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23	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code Title 13, Chapter 2, S	ubchapter 1, is amended
24	to add an additional s	ection to read as follows:	
25	<u>13-2-106. Imagi</u>	nation Library of Arkansas Progr	am.
26	<u>(a)</u> There is cr	eated the Imagination Library of	Arkansas Program.
27	<u>(b) The state p</u>	rogram shall promote the develop	<u>ment of a comprehensive</u>
28	<u>statewide initiative f</u>	or encouraging preschool childre	<u>n to develop a love of</u>
29	reading and learning.		
30	<u>(c)(l)(A) The In</u>	magination Library of Arkansas P	<u>rogram Fund shall be</u>
31	used to provide, throu	gh Dolly Parton's Imagination Li	brary, one (1) age-
32	<u>appropriate book to ea</u>	ch registered child from birth t	<u>o age five (5) in each</u>
33	participating county.		
34	<u>(B)</u>	The state program shall contrib	· -
35	(50%) match of the fun	ds, if available, required of lo	<u>cal programs</u>
36	participating in Dolly	Parton's Imagination Library.	



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1	(2) A book shall be sent monthly to the home of each registered		
2	child from birth to age five (5) in each participating county at no cost to		
3	the family of a registered child.		
4	(d) The Department of Education shall partner with a nonprofit entity		
5	organized solely to promote and encourage reading in early childhood for the		
6	children of Arkansas, including without limitation Arkansas Imagination		
7	Library, to administer the state program, which shall include without		
8	limitation the following:		
9	(1) Promoting the statewide development of county-level Dolly		
10	Parton's Imagination Library programs;		
11	(2) Advancing and strengthening local Dolly Parton's Imagination		
12	Library programs with the goal of increasing family enrollment in those		
13	programs;		
14	(3) Recruiting volunteers to assist in the development,		
15	promotion, and coordination of the state program;		
16	(4) Soliciting donations, gifts, and other funding to		
17	financially support the local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs;		
18	(5) Developing community engagement;		
19	(6) Administering the state and local programs' dollar matching		
20	requirements;		
21	(7) Coordinating the collection and remittance of local program		
22	costs for books and mailing; and		
23	(8) Developing statewide marketing and communication plans.		
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25	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is		
26	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:		
27	<u>19-5-1277. Imagination Library of Arkansas Program Fund.</u>		
28	(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the		
29	Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous		
30	fund to be known as the "Imagination Library of Arkansas Program Fund".		
31	(b) The fund shall consist of:		
32	(1) Moneys obtained from private or public grants, gifts, or		
33	donations that are designated to be credited to the fund; and		
34	(2) Any other funds authorized or provided by law.		
35	(c) The fund shall be used by the Department of Education to create		
36	and maintain the Imagination Library of Arkansas Program under § 13-2-106.		

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1	(d) Moneys remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall
2	carry forward and be made available for the purposes stated in this section
3	in the next fiscal year.
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