

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1617

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION FOR CAPITAL  
11 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
16 - DIVISION OF CORRECTION CAPITAL  
17 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - CASH. There  
23 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections - Division of  
24 Correction, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury  
25 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the following:

26 (A) for the Camera Project at the Wrightsville Unit, in a sum not to  
27 exceed .....\$3,800,000.

28 (B) for the Flooring Project at the McPherson Unit, in a sum not to  
29 exceed .....\$300,000.  
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31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or



1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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24 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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