

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H3/5/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1635

By: Representative McCullough

By: Senator C. Tucker

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GRANT FOR AN  
ARKANSAS TEACHING VETERINARIAN HOSPITAL AT THE LITTLE  
ROCK ZOO FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL  
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR A GRANT FOR AN ARKANSAS  
TEACHING VETERINARIAN HOSPITAL AT THE  
LITTLE ROCK ZOO FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING  
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026  
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LITTLE ROCK ZOO GRANT. There is hereby  
appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing  
Officer, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as  
determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for a grant for  
construction-related expenses for an Arkansas Teaching Veterinarian Hospital  
at the Little Rock Zoo for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
following:

ITEM

FISCAL YEAR

NO.

2025-2026

(01) GRANT FOR ARKANSAS TEACHING VETERINARIAN



HOSPITAL AT THE LITTLE ROCK ZOO \$5,000,000

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER - LITTLE ROCK ZOO GRANT. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to a cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to be used exclusively for a grant for construction-related expenses for an Arkansas Teaching Veterinarian Hospital at the Little Rock Zoo.

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

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

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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9 /s/McCullough  
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