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2 94th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1507

5 By: Representative F. Allen
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

30 (A) for grants for scholarships to Historically Black Colleges and
31 Universities and for personal services and operating expenses as determined
32 by the Division of Higher Education for outreach programs to promote
33 awareness of those scholarships, in a sum not to exceed\$4,000,000.
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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.