

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1655

5 By: Representative Dotson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 EDUCATION FOR GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT GRANTS GENERAL  
15 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - SCHOOL  
22 DISTRICT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
23 Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor  
24 fund or fund accounts, the following:

25 (A) for grants to school districts for personal services and operating  
26 expenses, construction, renovation, purchase of equipment, acquisition, and  
27 major maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.  
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29 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

31 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
32 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
33 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
34 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
35 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.  
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1 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
2 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
3 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
4 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
5 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
6 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
7 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
8 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
9 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
10 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
11 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
12 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

13 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
14 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
15 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
16 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
17 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
18 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.  
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20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
31 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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