

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

HOUSE BILL 1659

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5 By: Representative Bell

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 EDUCATION - DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC  
10 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANTS AND PERSONAL  
11 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR A COMPRESSED  
12 NATURAL GAS SCHOOL BUS PILOT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
18 DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC  
19 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION -  
20 COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS SCHOOL BUS PILOT  
21 PROGRAM GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
22 APPROPRIATION.

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

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27 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS SCHOOL BUS PILOT  
28 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education -  
29 Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, to be  
30 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
31 accounts, the following:

32 (A) for grants and personal services and operating expenses for a  
33 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) School Bus Pilot Program, in a sum not to  
34 exceed.....\$1,000,000.  
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36 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS



1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

2 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
 3 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
 4 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
 5 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
 6 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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 8 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
 9 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
 10 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
 11 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
 12 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
 13 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
 14 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
 15 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
 16 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
 17 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
 18 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
 19 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

20 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
 21 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
 22 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
 23 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
 24 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
 25 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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

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 36 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

1 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
2 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
5 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
6 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
7 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
8 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
9 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
10 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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