

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 272

5 By: Senator J. Hutchinson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC  
9 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
10 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
14 COMMISSION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
15 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 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is  
22 hereby appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
23 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for grants and/or loans for the expansion, improvements,  
26 construction, or renovation of airports in Arkansas, in a sum not to  
27 exceed.....\$500,000.

28 (B) for grants to cities or counties for land acquisition,  
29 improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of  
30 equipment for community recreation centers, in a sum not to  
31 exceed.....\$250,000.

32 (C) for grants to cities for road and highway construction,  
33 improvements, and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed  
34 .....\$250,000.  
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36 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Notwithstanding any other rules,



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

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

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

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

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 35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

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

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