

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 327

5 By: Senator D. Johnson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 PARKS AND TOURISM FOR ARKANSAS RIVER TRAIL SYSTEM  
10 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
14 TOURISM - ARKANSAS RIVER TRAIL SYSTEM  
15 GRANT GENERAL 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 - ARKANSAS RIVER TRAIL SYSTEM GRANT. There is  
22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks and Tourism, to be payable  
23 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for a grant for construction, renovation and improvements for the  
26 Arkansas River Trail system, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.  
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28 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

30 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
31 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
32 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
33 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
34 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.  
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36 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor



1 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
2 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
3 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
4 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
5 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
6 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
7 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
8 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
9 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
10 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
11 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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28 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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