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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 328

5 By: Senators L. Chesterfield, S. Flowers, F. Love, R. Murdock  
6 By: Representatives Scott, F. Allen, Ennett, K. Ferguson, V. Flowers, Nicks, J. Richardson, T. Shephard,  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PHILANDER SMITH  
11 COLLEGE - HEALTH PROGRAMS EXPANSION GRANTS FOR THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER  
13 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024;  
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
19 DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION - PHILANDER  
20 SMITH COLLEGE - HEALTH PROGRAM EXPANSION  
21 GRANTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024  
22 FISCAL YEAR.

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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 - PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE - HEALTH PROGRAM  
28 EXPANSION GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
29 Education - Division of Higher Education, to be payable from the Higher  
30 Education Grants Fund Account, the following:

31 (A) for a grant to Philander Smith College for expenses related to the  
32 creation of a Certified Nursing Assistant and Licensed Practical Nursing  
33 Program, for the expansion of the Elders Community Health Clinic, and the  
34 expansion of the Philander Smith College Food Pantry, in a sum not to exceed  
35 .....\$5,000,000.  
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1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
 3 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal  
 4 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the  
 5 State Treasurer and Auditor of the State the sum of five million dollars  
 6 (\$5,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Higher  
 7 Education Grants Fund for a grant to Philander Smith College for the creation  
 8 of a Certified Nursing Assistant and Licensed Practical Nurse Program, the  
 9 expansion of the Elders Community Health Clinic, and the expansion of the  
 10 Philander Smith College Food Pantry as appropriated by this act.

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 12 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 18 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
 19 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 20 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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 31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 33 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
 35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental 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, 2023.

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