

1 State of Arkansas
2 91st General Assembly
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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 330

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S DISTINGUISHED
10 SCHOLAR PROGRAM, WORKFORCE IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS, AND
11 CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, MAINTENANCE, EQUIPMENT,
12 PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE
13 VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
19 APPROPRIATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
26 Department of Higher Education, to be payable from the General Improvement
27 Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

28 (A) for the Governor's Distinguished Scholar program, in a sum not to
29 exceed.....\$4,000,000.

30 (B) for Workforce Implementation Grants, in a sum not to
31 exceed.....\$6,000,000.

32 (C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal
33 services and operating expenses of the various institutions of higher
34 education, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.
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36 SECTION 2. 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
13 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
14 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
15 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
16 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
17 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
18 otherwise by law.

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20 SECTION 3. 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 4. 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, 2017 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, 2017 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, 2017.

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