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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 479

5 By: Senator Teague  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE INSTITUTIONS  
9 OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
14 EDUCATION 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 - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO.

22 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable  
23 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
26 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
27 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
28 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

29 (B) for capital improvements including completion of theatre  
30 reconstruction, parking and landscaping at Colony Center, adjacent outdoor  
31 stage, parking at Cash home, construction of outbuildings, including barn for  
32 classrooms and restrooms, and colony house to be used for  
33 security/maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

34 (C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
35 equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library  
36 resources for the Paragould Instructional Site, in a sum not to exceed



1 .....\$5,000,000.

2 (D) for major maintenance, construction, operating expenses, security  
3 equipment, repairs, and equipment for the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and  
4 Educational Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

5 (E) for major repairs and maintenance, including new parget coat on  
6 south wall, door replacements, and repairs to outdoor security lighting; and  
7 costs of relocating a sharecropper shack to the site to be retrofitted as a  
8 classroom and community events space, in a sum not to exceed  
9 .....\$5,000,000.

10 (F) for remodeling, renovation, refurbishing, equipment, furnishings,  
11 replacement of plumbing/electrical/heating and cooling systems, and exhibit  
12 expenses of Lakeport Plantation facilities, in a sum not to exceed  
13 .....\$5,000,000.

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15 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY. There is hereby  
16 appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the General  
17 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

18 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
19 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
20 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
21 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

22 (B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
23 equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library  
24 resources at the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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26 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY. There is hereby  
27 appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the  
28 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
29 following:

30 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
31 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
32 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
33 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

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35 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY. There is  
36 hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from

1 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
2 following:

3 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
4 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
5 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
6 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.  
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8 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby  
9 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General  
10 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

11 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal  
12 services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of  
13 the University of Arkansas System, in a sum not to exceed.....\$25,000,000.

14 (B) for a grant for Arkansas Teacher Corps for personal services and  
15 operating expenses to provide training and support for Arkansas teachers  
16 statewide, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

17 (C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
18 equipment, security enhancements, and technology upgrades/equipment for U of  
19 A - Garvan Woodland Gardens, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

20 (D) for construction, renovation, maintenance, personal services,  
21 equipment, and operational expenses of the Arkansas Research and Education  
22 Optical Network, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

23 (E) for personal services and general operating expenses, construction,  
24 renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security  
25 enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for the U  
26 of A - Fayetteville - Pryor Center for Oral and Visual History, in a sum not  
27 to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

28 (F) for personal services and general operating expenses, construction,  
29 renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security  
30 enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for U of A  
31 - Fayetteville - Partners for Inclusive Communities, in a sum not to  
32 exceed.....\$5,000,000.

33 (G) for U of A Fayetteville Partners for Inclusive Communities Autism  
34 Awareness Supporting Grants, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.  
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36 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - ARCHEOLOGICAL

1 SURVEY. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be  
2 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
3 accounts, the following:

4 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
5 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
6 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
7 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

8 (B) for personal services, equipment, and operational expenses of the  
9 Arkansas Archeological Survey for a two year program to help organizations  
10 document and preserve African American burial sites in Arkansas, in a sum not  
11 to exceed.....\$5,000,000.  
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13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - DIVISION OF  
14 AGRICULTURE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to  
15 be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
16 accounts, the following:

17 (A) for constructing and equipping Foundation Seed facilities at the  
18 Rice Research and Extension Center in Stuttgart, in a sum not to exceed  
19 .....\$5,000,000.

20 (B) for improvements and renovation of facilities, water treatment  
21 plant, sewer systems, and construction of buildings and structures at the  
22 Arkansas 4-H Center that are used to support Arkansas 4-H programs conducted  
23 by the Cooperative Extension Service, in a sum not to exceed  
24 .....\$5,000,000.

25 (C) for personal services and operating expenses in support of  
26 providing a positive 4-H youth development experience for Arkansas youth  
27 between the ages of 5 and 19, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

28 (D) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
29 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
30 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
31 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

32 (E) for personal services and operating expenses, improvements to  
33 facilities, maintenance, sewer systems, facility renovation, roof  
34 replacement, equipment, and construction for the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H  
35 Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.  
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1 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
2 INSTITUTE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to  
3 be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
4 accounts, the following:

5 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
6 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
7 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
8 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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10 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - CLINTON SCHOOL OF  
11 PUBLIC SERVICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas,  
12 to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
13 accounts, the following:

14 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
15 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
16 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
17 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

18 (B) for scholarships and operations for the Clinton School of Public  
19 Service, in a sum not to exceed.....\$300,000.

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21 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL  
22 FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
23 the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund  
24 or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

25 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
26 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
27 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
28 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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30 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FORT SMITH. There  
31 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be  
32 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
33 accounts, the following:

34 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
35 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
36 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,

1 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

2 (B) for renovation, refitting, construction, land acquisition,  
3 equipment, and operating expenses for the Math/Science Building, in a sum not  
4 to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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6 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - LITTLE ROCK.

7 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock,  
8 to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
9 accounts, the following:

10 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
11 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
12 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
13 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

14 (B) for personal services and operating expenses, research, and  
15 development of viable technologies by the UALR Nanotechnology Center, in a  
16 sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

17 (C) for the construction, equipping, operations and maintenance of the  
18 UALR Innovation Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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20 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL

21 SCIENCES. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for  
22 Medical Sciences, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its  
23 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

24 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
25 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
26 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
27 supplies, patient care and support expenses and library resources, in a sum  
28 not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

29 (B) for maintenance and general operating expenses of the College of  
30 Health Professions Physician Assistant Program, in a sum not to exceed  
31 .....\$5,000,000.

32 (C) for matching funds for the Adult Sickle Cell Clinical Network, in a  
33 sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

34 (D) for personal services and general operating expenses of the Sickle  
35 Cell Anemia Task Force, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

36 (E) for personal services, maintenance and general operations,

1 information technology equipment and software and other support equipment,  
2 research, and patient care and support expenses of the UAMS Regional Program  
3 - Northeast, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

4 (F) for personal services, maintenance and general operations,  
5 information technology equipment and software and other support equipment,  
6 research, and patient care and support expenses of the UAMS Regional Program  
7 - South, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

8 (G) for personal services, operating expenses, various maintenance,  
9 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, and upgrade  
10 and repair of real property and facilities of the Northwest Arkansas Medical  
11 School and any of its programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

12 (H) for purchase of equipment, equipment maintenance and supplies for  
13 the Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative, in a  
14 sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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16 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - MONTICELLO. There  
17 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be  
18 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
19 accounts, the following:

20 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
21 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
22 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
23 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

24 (B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
25 equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and  
26 furnishings for the UAM - Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed  
27 .....\$5,000,000.

28 (C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
29 equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and  
30 furnishings for the UAM - McGehee campus, in a sum not to exceed  
31 .....\$5,000,000.

32 (D) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
33 equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and  
34 furnishings of the Math and Science Center, in a sum not to exceed  
35 .....\$5,000,000.

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1 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF. There  
2 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be  
3 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
4 accounts, the following:

5 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
6 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
7 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
8 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

9 (B) for literacy services, tutoring, and adult education programs, in a  
10 sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

11 (C) for matching funds for the 1890 Research and Extension Programs, in  
12 a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

13 (D) for off-main-campus literacy services, tutoring, and adult  
14 education programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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16 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. There is  
17 hereby appropriated, to the University of Central Arkansas, to be payable  
18 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
19 following:

20 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
21 deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology  
22 upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,  
23 supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

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25 SECTION 17. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
26 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
27 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
28 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
29 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
30 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
31 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
32 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
33 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
34 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
35 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
36 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.



1 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
2 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
3 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
4 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
5 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
6 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
7 otherwise by law.

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9 SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
10 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
11 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
12 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
13 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
14 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
15 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
16 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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18 SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
19 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
20 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of  
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm  
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.