

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2015  
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*As Engrossed: S2/26/15*  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 507

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF  
9 ARKANSAS FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
15 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is  
21 hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the  
22 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
23 following:

24 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, personal services,  
25 equipment, and operational expenses of the Arkansas Research and Education  
26 Optical Network, in a sum not to  
27 exceed.....\$5,000,000.

28 (B) for personal services, equipment, and operational expenses of the  
29 Arkansas Archeological Survey for a two year program to help organizations  
30 document and preserve African American burial sites in Arkansas, in a sum not  
31 to exceed.....\$100,000.

32 (C) for personal services and operating expenses of educational  
33 programs of the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, in a sum not to exceed  
34 .....\$400,000.  
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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 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 3. 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 4. 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

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

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4 */s/L. Chesterfield*

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7 **APPROVED: 03/24/2015**  
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