

1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 540

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION FOR GRANTS TO NONPROFIT  
10 ENTITIES FOR INMATE TRAINING, EDUCATION,  
11 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY REENTRY  
12 PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY  
16 CORRECTION COMMUNITY REENTRY GRANTS GENERAL  
17 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY REENTRY GRANTS. There is hereby  
24 appropriated, to the Department of Community Correction, to be payable from  
25 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
26 following:

27 (A) for grants to nonprofit organizations to provide inmate education,  
28 training, transitional housing, and community reentry programs, in a sum not  
29 to exceed.....\$5,000,000.  
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31 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

33 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
34 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
35 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
36 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the



1 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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 3 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
 4 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
 5 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
 6 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
 7 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
 8 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
 9 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
 10 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
 11 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
 12 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
 13 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
 14 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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 32 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 33 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 34 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
 36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 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, 2011.

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