

1 State of Arkansas
2 90th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2015
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 703

5 By: Senator J. Hendren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION - DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
10 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANTS AND AID FOR
11 OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES
12 FUNDING AID PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
13 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
17 DPSAFT - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER
18 SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL
20 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
27 FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the
28 Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and
29 Transportation, to be payable from the Open Enrollment Public Charter School
30 Capital Grant Program Fund, for grants and aid for open-enrollment public
31 charter schools for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities
32 Funding Aid Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2015-2016
(01) OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER	



1 SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID

2 PROGRAM - GRANTS AND AID \$15,000,000

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4 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
6 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal
7 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
8 State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of five million dollars
9 (\$5,000,000) from the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan
10 Fund to the Open Enrollment Public Charter School Capital Grant Program Fund
11 for grants and aid for open-enrollment public charter schools for the Open-
12 Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program, to be used
13 exclusively for the appropriation in this Act.

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

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

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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
36 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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