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A Bill

SENATE BILL 716

5 By: Senator S. Flowers
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 PARKS AND TOURISM FOR MATCHING GRANTS AND COMMUNITY
10 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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12 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
13 TOURISM - MATCHING GRANTS AND COMMUNITY
14 PROJECTS 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 - MATCHING GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to
22 the Department of Parks and Tourism, to be payable from the General
23 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

24 (A) for matching grants for construction, improvements, renovation,
25 equipping, supplies, upgrades, operating expenses and maintenance for
26 historical monuments, markers, structures, tours, and documents related to
27 African American Arkansans, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.
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29 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY PROJECTS. There is hereby
30 appropriated, to the Department of Parks and Tourism, to be payable from the
31 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
32 following:

33 (A) for restoration, renovation, repairs, upgrades, major maintenance
34 and capital improvements to baseball and softball parks in communities whose
35 school districts have at least eighty-five percent (85%) of their students
36 who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School



1 Lunch Act, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

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3 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

5 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
6 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
7 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
8 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
9 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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

23 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
24 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
25 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
26 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
27 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
28 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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30 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of 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, 2013 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, 2013.