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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 297

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE INSTITUTIONS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

#### SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO.

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

- (A) for renovation of Wilson Hall, in a sum not to exceed  
.....\$3,000,000.
- (B) for construction of a Studio Arts addition to the College of Fine Arts, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.
- (C) for renovation of the International Student Center building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.
- (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,620,000.
- (E) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,273,164.
- (F) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the Arkansas State University System, in a sum not to exceed



.....\$15,000,000.

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

(A) for construction of an Academic Classroom Facility, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

(B) for the provision of Instructional Technology on the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$177,713.

(C) for replacement of the Technology and Academic Support building roof on the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$787,549.

(D) for technology infrastructure improvements and upgrades, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,500,000.

(E) for renovation and critical maintenance of educational and general buildings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance at the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$180,000.

(G) for purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings at the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$160,150.

(H) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed....\$2,120,000.

(I) for purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,318,855.

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

(A) for Phase I renovation to various campus buildings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

(B) for construction of a School of Business building and renovation of Mooney Hall, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

(C) for upgrade and replacement of campus network infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,800,000.

(D) for furnishings and equipment for the Hot Springs Education Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$200,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed....\$1,690,000.

(F) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$596,197.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for constructing and equipping mechanical and electrical engineering laboratories and classrooms, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,333,950.

(B) for technology infrastructure improvements and upgrades, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,666,050.

(C) for construction of agricultural instructional lab facilities, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,405,500.

(D) for renovation and upgrades to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics training center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$594,500.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,660,000.

(F) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$516,183.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for the development of a comprehensive Student Information System, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,635,381.

(B) for an on-campus expansion of the Integrated Clinical Information System Platform, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,364,619.

(C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$9,910,000.

(D) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,777,240.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for costs of constructing an Agricultural Experiment Station

Headquarters for the Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed  
 .....\$2,500,000.

(B) for renovation of the Kimpel Hall building, furnishings, and  
 systems, in a sum not to exceed.....\$9,000,000.

(C) for upgrades to the servers and production equipment of the Clinton  
 School, in a sum not to exceed.....\$20,000.

(D) for the purchase of laboratory and classroom equipment for the  
 Criminal Justice Institute, in a sum not to exceed.....\$124,500.

(E) for the purchase of a towing rig for geophysical equipment, a GPS  
 guidance system, and a GPS guided unmanned aerial vehicle with digital and  
 infrared camera packages for photogrammetric documentation for the Arkansas  
 Archeological Survey, in a sum not to exceed.....\$59,150.

(F) for construction of high-count underground fiber optic cable along  
 a path between Fayetteville to Alma to Fort Smith for the AERON, in a sum not  
 to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(G) for construction of a Creativity and Innovation Complex for the  
 ASMSA, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(H) for repairs, remodeling, and construction of the U of A - System  
 Cammack Campus Complex, in a sum not to exceed.....\$570,000.

(I) for technology upgrades at the U of A - System Office, in a sum not  
 to exceed.....\$100,000.

(J) for costs of constructing a Multi-Purpose Building & Community Hall  
 for the ASMSA, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

(K) for deferred maintenance for the U of A - Archeological Survey, in  
 a sum not to exceed.....\$70,000.

(L) for technology and equipment upgrades of the Criminal Justice  
 Institute, in a sum not to exceed.....\$240,000.

(M) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$8,430,000.

(N) for costs of bank stabilization of Coleman Creek for the Division  
 of Agriculture - Cooperative Extension Service headquarters, in a sum not to  
 exceed.....\$200,000.

(O) for upgrades and renovations to the Agricultural Research and  
 Extension Centers and Stations of the Division of Agriculture, in a sum not  
 to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(P) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library  
 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,592,908.

(Q) for costs of expansion of office and storage space at the U of A - System Office, in a sum not to exceed.....\$330,000.

(R) for deferred maintenance at the U of A - System, in a sum not to exceed.....\$50,000.

(S) for costs of constructing and equipping a Food Innovation Center of the Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed.....\$300,000.

(T) for deferred maintenance of the Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,510,000.

(U) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the University of Arkansas System, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - LITTLE ROCK. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for improvements to technology infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

(B) for the costs of improving building infrastructure and performing critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

(C) for costs of constructing and equipping an innovation center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,860,000.

(E) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,139,365.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - MONTICELLO. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of a new Math and Science Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

(B) for costs of construction of a Workforce/Collegiate Center at the Crossett Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(C) for costs of construction of a General Education Building at the McGehee Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance at the McGehee Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$100,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance at the Crossett Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$80,000.

(F) for costs of renovation of the Music Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(G) for costs of renovation of the Fine Arts Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(H) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings at the Crossett Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$54,485.

(I) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings at the McGehee Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$50,175.

(J) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,480,000.

(K) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$382,106.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for the costs of campus wide renovations and repairs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

(B) for the costs of constructing and equipping a Nanotechnology/Biotechnology Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(C) for costs of construction of a Life Sciences facility, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,370,000.

(E) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$382,673.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FORT SMITH. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for costs of constructing and equipping an Education Building, in a

sum not to exceed.....\$3,500,000.

(B) for costs of designing, renovating, and equipping the Math-Science building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

(C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,320,000.

(D) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$909,520.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Central Arkansas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for costs of construction for an addition to, renovation of, and equipment for the Lewis Science Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,250,000.

(B) for the costs of optic fiber replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,750,000.

(C) for costs of construction for an addition to, renovation of, and equipment for the Department of Nursing and Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,460,000.

(E) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,974,261.

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

(B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing

Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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

SECTION 14. 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, 2015 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, 2015 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, 2015.

**APPROVED: 02/25/2015**