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HOUSE BILL 1298

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - AND ITS VARIOUS DIVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
AND ITS VARIOUS DIVISIONS
REAPPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education,
to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
accounts, for the Department of Education the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 231 of 2014, for grants to eligible public
schools for school recognition awards to be used for nonrecurring bonuses to
faculty and staff, nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or
materials or temporary school personnel by the Arkansas School Recognition
Program, in a sum not to exceed.....\$28,383.

(B) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (G) Section 1 of Act 231 of 2014, for grants to institutes that re-
imagine education in traditional public schools for personal services and
operating expenses, equipment and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to
exceed.....\$25,000.



SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - DPSAFT - OPEN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, to be payable from the Open Enrollment Public Charter School Capital Grant Program Fund, for the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 5 of Act 231 of 2014, for grants for the repayment of debt incurred by an open enrollment public charter school for academic facilities or equipment, various maintenance, renovation, equipping, new construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade and repair of real property and facilities and purchase of instructional materials, technology systems, and other academic equipment, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION - FEDERAL FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Educational Television Division, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 8 of Act 231 of 2014, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, including grant matching, in a sum not to exceed.....\$90,000.

SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 9 of Act 231 of 2014, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, including grant matching, in a sum not to exceed.....\$309,112.

(B) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 9 of Act 231 of 2014, for a transfer to the Educational Television Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses for the "Honoring Arkansas' War Heroes - Documenting Stories of Arkansas' World War II Veterans" documentation project, in a sum not to exceed.....\$260,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) Section 9 of Act 231 of 2014, for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, including grant matching, in a sum not to exceed.....\$47,179.

(D) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 45 of 2014, for costs associated with the planning for a Northwest Communications Center and implementing, equipping, maintenance and operating expenses of an AETN satellite broadcasting site in *Northwest Arkansas, or for general maintenance, operating expenses and or antenna replacement expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$99,904.*

(E) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 1 of Act 45 of 2014, for costs associated with implementing an AETN satellite broadcasting site in Northwest Arkansas and *for use by the University of Arkansas and AETN, or for general maintenance, operating expenses and or antenna replacement expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$89,191.*

(F) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) Section 1 of Act 45 of 2014, for costs associated with general network maintenance needed to secure the state's investment in technology and to provide state matching for federal grants, in a sum not to exceed\$26,971.

SECTION 5. REAPPROPRIATION - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 6 of Act 231 of 2014, for various maintenance,

renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed\$1,900,000.

SECTION 6. REAPPROPRIATION - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 7 of Act 231 of 2014, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed\$4,600,000.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. As referenced in SECTION 3 Subsection (c) of Act 1405 of 1999, the authorized funding for the Department of Education - Educational Television Commission for NW Communication Ctr/Digital Conversion/Transponder and as amended by Sections 8 and 9 of Act 691 of 2011 to be deemed to include costs for implementing, equipping, maintenance and operating expenses of an AETN satellite broadcasting site in Northwest Arkansas shall also be deemed to include or for general maintenance, operating expenses and or antenna replacement expenses.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. As referenced in SECTION 3 of Act 1691 of 2001, the authorized funding for the Educational Television Division - Community Television Building and as amended by Section 1 of Act 804 of 2009 to be deemed to include costs associated with implementing an AETN satellite broadcasting site in Northwest Arkansas and for use by the University of Arkansas and AETN shall also be deemed to include or for general maintenance, operating expenses and or antenna replacement expenses.

SECTION 9. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 10. 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 11. 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.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 03/04/2015