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SENATE BILL 643

By: Senator J. Hendren

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
*EDUCATION FOR GRANTS AND AID FOR OPEN-ENROLLMENT
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
*GRANTS AND AID - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC
CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID
PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016
FISCAL YEAR.*

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - *OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM.* There is hereby appropriated, to the
Department of Education, to be payable from the Department of Education
Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid *for open-enrollment public
charter schools for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities
Funding Aid Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:*

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
<i>(01) OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM - GRANTS AND AID</i>	<u><u>\$15,000,000</u></u>



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

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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/J. Hendren

APPROVED: 03/27/2015