

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.
Act 273 of the Fiscal Session

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1144

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING
EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND
IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 53 OF
2015; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for operating expenses and capital outlay of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - State Operations which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 3 of Act 53 of 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2015-2016
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000



(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$125,000</u></u>

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for purchasing, copying, and shipping Braille and large print textbooks for the blind and visually impaired students attending the public schools in Arkansas by the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and Large Print Textbooks which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 6 of Act 53 of 2015, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2015-2016</i></u>
<i>(01) BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS</i>	<u><u><i>\$50,000</i></u></u>

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING 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 Auditor of the State the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) from the unobligated funds in the General Improvement Fund to the School for the Blind Fund Account to provide funds for the appropriation provided in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind to continue to provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act 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 the date of its passage and approval.

If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 05/09/2016