

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.
Act 694 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas
91st General Assembly
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As Engrossed: S3/1/17
A Bill

SENATE BILL 500

By: Senator D. Sanders

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR *THE ARKANSAS
HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE* DATABASE FOR THE
STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
- *ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY
INITIATIVE* CLAIMS DATABASE APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - *ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE*
DATABASE. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Insurance Department,
to be payable from the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Fund, for
the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative database, maintenance and
operations, data collection and management, and data request fulfillment of
the State Insurance Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the
following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2017-2018
(01) <i>ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE</i> DATABASE EXPENSES	<u>\$3,200,000</u>

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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, 2017 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, 2017 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, 2017.

/s/D. Sanders

APPROVED: 03/27/2017