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A Bill

SENATE BILL 447

By: Senator Caldwell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
- DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the sum of.....\$16,500,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PINE TREE RESEARCH STATION.

(a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall not sell the property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, to a private entity or individual.



(b) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may sell the property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, to:

(1) A non-profit corporation organized with the primary mission to keep the land open to the public and available for public use; and

(2) Organized and operated for a minimum of five (5) years.

(c) The property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, shall remain open to the public for public use, including without limitation:

(1) Public fishing;

(2) Public hunting;

(3) Biking;

(4) Bird watching; and

(5) Hiking.

(d) All property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, in row crop cultivation in the year 2020 is exempt from subsection (c) of this section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect upon passage and approval through June 30, 2022.

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, 2021 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the exception that Section 2 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021, with the exception that Section 2 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, 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, 2021; with the exception that Section 2 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

/s/Caldwell

APPROVED: 4/6/21