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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 245

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE INSTITUTIONS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of a College of Veterinary Medicine facility, in a sum not to exceed .....\$4,000,000.
- (B) for costs of construction of the Center for Advanced Materials and Steel Manufacturing, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,000,000.
- (C) for campus buildings deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (D) for campus wide building entrance security and card access, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$740,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,210,000.
- (G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$4,509,554.



(H) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the Arkansas State University System, in a sum not to exceed ....\$25,000,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for Witherspoon interior renovation, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,875,000.
- (B) for utility upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,032,000.
- (C) for technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$4,093,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,620,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$4,100,000.
- (F) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,321,412.
- (G) for Collegiate Center roof replacement and interior renovation, in a sum not to exceed .....\$691,900.
- (H) for critical maintenance for the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$20,000.
- (I) for deferred maintenance for the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$210,000.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for renovation of Newberry Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,200,000.
- (B) for Womack Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$800,000.
- (C) for renovation of the Russell Fine Arts Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.
- (D) for renovation of Smith Hall, in a sum not to exceed ...\$2,500,000.
- (E) for renovation of Wells Gym, in a sum not to exceed ....\$2,000,000.
- (F) for renovation of Huie Library, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,500,000.
- (G) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,120,000.
- (H) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,440,000.

(I) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$503,642.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of HVAC upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,783,000.
- (B) for technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,559,250.
- (C) for storm drain lines, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,750.
- (D) for sewer lines, in a sum not to exceed .....\$657,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$540,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,410,000.
- (G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,227,623.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$4,900,000.
- (B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$13,600,000.
- (C) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,535,302.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for restoration of the Agriculture Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (B) for restoration/addition to the John A. White, Jr. Engineering Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (C) for restoration of the Fine Arts Center and University Theatre, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (D) for restoration of Memorial Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (E) for renovation of Kimpel Hall and the Office Tower, in a sum not to

- exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (F) for renovation of the Business Building, in a sum not to exceed  
.....\$2,000,000.
- (G) for critical maintenance for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum  
not to exceed .....\$1,850,000.
- (H) for deferred maintenance for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum  
not to exceed .....\$9,010,000.
- (I) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library  
holdings for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum not to exceed ...\$7,782,624.
- (J) for HVAC system replacement of the Arkansas Archeological Survey,  
in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,175,000.
- (K) for archeological data/object security and accessibility, in a sum  
not to exceed .....\$396,400.
- (L) for remote sensing and archeological object analysis, in a sum not  
to exceed .....\$306,989.
- (M) for critical maintenance of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, in a  
sum not to exceed .....\$120,000.
- (N) for deferred maintenance of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, in a  
sum not to exceed .....\$90,000.
- (O) for telecommunications shelter power reliability, in a sum not to  
exceed .....\$285,000.
- (P) for telecommunications shelter facility upgrades, in a sum not to  
exceed .....\$39,000.
- (Q) for telecommunications shelter security enhancements, in a sum not  
to exceed .....\$91,500.
- (R) for fiber optic network transmission equipment lifecycle  
management, in a sum not to exceed .....\$450,000.
- (S) for costs of construction of the Downtown Arts Center, in a sum not  
to exceed .....\$1,150,000.
- (T) for costs of construction of the Wellness Center, in a sum not to  
exceed .....\$1,000,000.
- (U) for STEM Research Lab upgrades, in a sum not to exceed ...\$350,000.
- (V) for costs of construction for System Office expansion, in a sum not  
to exceed .....\$2,198,000.
- (W) for renovation of the Pines Cabin, in a sum not to exceed  
.....\$302,000.

(X) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the University of Arkansas System, in a sum not to exceed .....\$25,000,000.

(Y) for critical maintenance for the U of A - System, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.

(Z) for deferred maintenance for the U of A - System, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.

(AA) for costs of construction of the Lonoke Extension Center expansion, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,100,000.

(AB) for critical maintenance for the U of A - Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed .....\$910,000.

(AC) for deferred maintenance for the U of A - Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,930,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for hazardous waste storage, in a sum not to exceed ....\$2,000,000.

(B) for Sebastian Commons columns, in a sum not to exceed ..\$2,000,000.

(C) for renovation of the Center for Workforce Development, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.

(D) for cold and hot water district loops, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$940,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,020,000.

(G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$747,453.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for technology infrastructure improvements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.

(B) for campus security improvements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.

(C) for renovation of the Speech Building, in a sum not to exceed

- .....\$2,000,000.
- (D) for costs of construction of the Nanotechnology Center (CINS), in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (E) for classroom technology improvements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (F) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$14,190,000.
- (G) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$8,130,000.
- (H) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,041,488.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of the Allied Health Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,500,000.
- (B) for HVAC upgrades for the Memorial Classroom Building and Babin Business Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (C) for renovation of the Fine Arts Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (D) for renovation of the Music Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$6,520,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,900,000.
- (G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$543,508.
- (H) for costs of construction of the Workforce/Collegiate Center on the Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,500,000.
- (I) for critical maintenance for the Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$120,000.
- (J) for deferred maintenance for the Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$140,000.
- (K) for costs of construction of the General Education Building on the McGehee campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,500,000.
- (L) for critical maintenance for the McGehee campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$220,000.
- (M) for deferred maintenance for the McGehee campus, in a sum not to

exceed .....\$170,000.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for renovation for fire protection, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (B) for renovation of dormitory, in a sum not to exceed ....\$2,000,000.
- (C) for renovation of police station, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (D) for renovation of restrooms, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (E) for domestic water upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (F) for elevator upgrades and modernization, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (G) for campus security fencing, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (H) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$540,000.
- (I) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,390,000.
- (J) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$421,268.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Central Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of a multi-purpose sports facility, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,500,000.
- (B) for renovation/replacement of the Lewis Science Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,500,000.
- (C) for renovation of Mashburn Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,500,000.
- (D) for renovation of Old Main, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,500,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,400,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$7,540,000.
- (G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,627,252.

SECTION 12. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor

obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

(B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

SECTION 13. 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 14. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

**APPROVED: 3/6/25**