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A Bill

SENATE BILL 68

By: Senators B. Sample, J. Dismang
By: Representatives Pierce, Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR LIGNITE RESEARCH FOR THE SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY - LIGNITE RESEARCH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LIGNITE RESEARCH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from the Southern Arkansas University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses related to lignite research, including professional services, supplies, purchase of equipment, construction expenses, and study and sampling expenses of lignite research, of the Southern Arkansas University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the sum of.....\$2,500,000.

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 passage and approval of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the unobligated balance in the General



Improvement Fund to the Southern Arkansas University Fund to provide funds for the purposes and appropriation provided in Section 1 of 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, the Higher Education Expenditures 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 the date of its passage and approval 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 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 the date of its passage and approval.