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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1348

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 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Northeastern College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a Workforce Training Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,750,000.

(B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$320,000.

(C) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$155,815.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Beebe, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:



(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of an IT Services Data Center, in a sum not to exceed

.....\$2,813,000.

(B) for renovations of State Hall, in a sum not to exceed

.....\$437,000.

(C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$980,000.

(D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$488,585.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of an Occupational Technical Center, in a sum not to

exceed.....\$2,000,000.

(B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a Health and Wellness Center, in a sum not to exceed

.....\$750,000.

(C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$180,000.

(D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$179,260.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT. There

is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Newport, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a Multi-Purpose Building on the Jonesboro campus, in a sum not

to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

(B) for renovation of the Academic Building on the Jonesboro campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

(C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$300,000.

(D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$239,545.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Black River Technical College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for energy efficient lighting upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.

(B) for HVAC mechanical upgrades in the Administration Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$85,000.

(C) for expansion of the Paragould Campus Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,165,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$350,000.

(E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$282,075.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COLLEGE OF THE OUACHITAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the College of The Ouachitas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for renovation of the Workforce Innovation Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$300,000.

(B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of the Conference and Student Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,200,000.

(C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$180,000.

(D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$143,050.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of the Education Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,750,000.

(B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$280,000.

(C) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$152,105.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the East Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for technology infrastructure updates, in a sum not to exceed .....\$182,500.

(B) for renovation and expansion of the Maintenance Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$195,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of the Student Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,844,000.

(D) for renovation of Classroom Building 3, in a sum not to exceed .....\$28,500.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$260,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$137,035.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - MID-SOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Mid-South Community College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction of an Aviation Annex, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,750,000.

(B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$400,000.

(C) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$178,465.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the National Park Community College, to be payable

from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for upgrades and improvements to campus technology infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,409,000.

(B) for classroom technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed.....\$667,100.

(C) for construction of the Post-Secondary Technology Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$923,900.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$420,000.

(E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$324,135.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the North Arkansas College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for renovation of the library, in a sum not to exceed .....\$684,000.

(B) for upgrade and relocation of existing Information Technology operations, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,015,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a Learning Commons, in a sum not to exceed.....\$448,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$430,000.

(E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$248,630.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction of a Washington County Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$961,325.

(B) for renovation of the Burns Hall bathroom, in a sum not to exceed.....\$289,452.

(C) for replacement of the Shewmaker Center for Workforce Technologies roof, in a sum not to exceed.....\$277,000.

(D) for replacement of the concrete at the main entry to Burns Hall, in a sum not to exceed.....\$68,632.

(E) for remodeling of the library, in a sum not to exceed .....\$111,300.

(F) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of the third floor of the Health Professions Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,506,875.

(G) for the construction of storm drainage, leveling and replanting for the grounds covered by the railroad spur after removal, in a sum not to exceed.....\$190,000.

(H) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology and upgrades/equipment of the generator in Burns Hall, in a sum not to exceed.....\$26,750.

(I) for upgrades of the Storage Area Network (SAN), in a sum not to exceed.....\$184,369.

(J) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of the new Physical Plant facility, in a sum not to exceed.....\$134,297.

(K) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$410,000.

(L) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$826,070.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - OZARKA COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Ozarka College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of an Information Technology Center and Student Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,500,000.

(B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a Health and Fitness Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$750,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,

equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a Fulton County Education Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$200,000.

(E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$172,650.

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for roof repair or roof replacement for six (6) buildings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$655,000.

(B) for technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed.....\$225,000.

(C) for chiller repair at the Stuttgart Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$115,000.

(D) for replacement of a boiler, in a sum not to exceed....\$89,250.

(E) for insulation of the Fine Arts Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$25,000.

(F) for installation of an elevator in the building housing the Small Business Incubator Project, in a sum not to exceed.....\$135,000.

(G) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed....\$1,010,000.

(H) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$172,425.

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Pulaski Technical College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for technology infrastructure upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,500,000.

(B) for equipment for automotive training, in a sum not to exceed .....\$75,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library

resources for the Welding Technology Center, in a sum not to exceed  
 .....\$175,000.  
 (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.  
 (E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
 sum not to exceed.....\$1,187,205.

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - RICH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rich Mountain Community College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for technology upgrades of lecture halls, in a sum not to exceed.....\$590,500.  
 (B) for technology upgrades of science labs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$620,500.  
 (C) for equipment for Allied Health, in a sum not to exceed  
 .....\$200,500.  
 (D) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for the Fine Arts Performance Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$338,500.  
 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$80,000.  
 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$92,920.

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - SOUTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the South Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of an Advanced Manufacturing Center, in a sum not to exceed  
 .....\$450,000.  
 (B) for an addition to the Health and Natural Sciences Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,300,000.  
 (C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$390,000.  
 (D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a

sum not to exceed.....\$181,295.

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southeast Arkansas College, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for replacement of current security cameras and installation of security cameras in all buildings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$100,000.

(B) for replacement of transformers at the Tech Center South, in a sum not to exceed.....\$25,000.

(C) for updates to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act compliance requirements for safety and access, in a sum not to exceed.....\$50,000.

(D) for replacement of plumbing and sewer lines, in a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

(E) for upgrades, repair and replacement of classroom projectors, in a sum not to exceed.....\$105,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$300,000.

(G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$178,910.

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a Career and Workforce Development Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,750,000.

(B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$620,000.

(C) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$199,525.

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH - ARKANSAS FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library

resources of a dormitory at the Camden site, in a sum not to exceed  
.....\$1,000,000.

(B) for construction of confined space and rescue technique simulators,  
in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

(C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$60,000.

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY.  
There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the General  
Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000.

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT  
BATESVILLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas  
Community College at Batesville, to be payable from the General Improvement  
Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library  
resources of a Career and Workforce Development Center, in a sum not to  
exceed.....\$2,000,000.

(B) for upgrades, repair and replacement of instructional equipment, in  
a sum not to exceed.....\$600,000.

(C) for maintenance and stabilization of the vehicular bridge near the  
center of campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$150,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$160,000.

(E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
sum not to exceed.....\$151,380.

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT  
HOPE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community  
College at Hope, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its  
successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for upgrades and replacement of instructional technology, in a sum  
not to exceed.....\$420,000.

(B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library  
resources of a Testing Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$685,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a classroom building at the Texarkana site, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,645,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$190,000.

(E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$156,895.

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT MORRILTON. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources of a Workforce Training Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,750,000.

(B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$370,000.

(C) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$255,570.

SECTION 25. 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 26. 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 27. 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, 2015 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, 2015 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, 2015.