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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1495

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND LEASE PAYMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Correction, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for lease payments associated with debt service on a 948-bed institution at Malvern, a 400-bed addition at the Grimes Unit at Newport, and 862-bed Special Needs Unit and addition to the Ouachita River Unit at Malvern, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,500,000.

(B) for construction to expand the existing visitation center at the McPherson Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$312,430.

(C) for construction to expand the existing Administration Building at the McPherson Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$395,439.

(D) for construction to provide 576 additional beds at the North Central Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$39,283,656.

(E) for expansion and repairs to the existing parking lot at the Ouachita River Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$326,362.

(F) for construction of two armories at the Varner and Tucker Units, in



a sum not to exceed.....\$138,399.

(G) for replacement of obsolete equipment at the East Arkansas Unit Lift Station, in a sum not to exceed.....\$79,313.

(H) for replacement of the existing Water Treatment Plant at the Tucker Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,093,848.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS FARM PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Correction, to be payable from the Department of Correction Farm Fund, the following:

(A) for construction of grain storage bins at Cummins, Tucker and East Arkansas Units, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,430,250.

(B) for maintenance and repair to upgrade the existing feed mill at the Cummins Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$889,750.

SECTION 3. 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 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, 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.