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HOUSE BILL 1597

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND ITS VARIOUS DIVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND ITS VARIOUS DIVISIONS
REAPPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education,
to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
accounts, for the Department of Education the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (B) Section 1 of Act 100 of 2016, for grants to institutes that re-
imagine education in traditional public schools for personal services and
operating expenses, equipment and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to
exceed.....\$25,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (C) Section 1 of Act 100 of 2016, for computer science initiatives by
the Department of Education, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,220,215.

(C) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (D) Section 1 of Act 100 of 2016, for grants and aid for the Arkansas
School Recognition Program, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.



(D) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) Section 1 of Act 100 of 2016, for a grant for Teach for America for personal services and operating expenses to provide training and support for Arkansas teachers statewide, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) Section 1 of Act 100 of 2016, for a grant for personal services and operating expenses for support of the Arkansas Academic Roadmap, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (J) Section 1 of Act 100 of 2016, for a transfer to the Department of Education Public School Fund Account for grants and aid for the Arkansas Better Chance Program, in a sum not to exceed.....\$14,500,000.

SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 2 of Act 100 of 2016, for transfer to the Department of Education Public School Fund Account for grants and aid for open-enrollment public charter schools for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION - OPEN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, to be payable from the Open Enrollment Public Charter School Capital Grant Program Fund, for the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 3 of Act 100 of 2016, for grants for the repayment of debt incurred by an open enrollment public charter school for academic

facilities or equipment, various maintenance, renovation, equipping, new construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade and repair of real property and facilities and purchase of instructional materials, technology systems, and other academic equipment, in a sum not to exceed.....\$75,000.

SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for the Department of Education - Arkansas Better Chance Program the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 5 of Act 100 of 2016, for grants and aid for the Arkansas Better Chance Program of the Department of Education, in a sum not to exceed\$14,500,000.

SECTION 5. REAPPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION - MATCHING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Educational Television Division, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 6 of Act 100 of 2016, for operating expenses, maintenance and payment of federal and other matching grant requirements by the Department of Education - Educational Television Division, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

SECTION 6. REAPPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Educational Television Division, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 7 of Act 100 of 2016, for maintenance of state-owned broadcast infrastructure and the network distribution system, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,690,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided

in Item (B) Section 7 of Act 100 of 2016, for personal services and operating expenses for archiving stories of World War II veterans, in a sum not to exceed.....\$260,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) Section 7 of Act 100 of 2016, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, including grant matching, in a sum not to exceed.....\$246,100.

SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 8 of Act 100 of 2016, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed\$1,500,000.

SECTION 8. REAPPROPRIATION - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 9 of Act 100 of 2016, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed\$1,398,271.

SECTION 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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.