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SENATE BILL 453

By: Senator Teague

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, EXPENSES
AND FUNDING TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, EXPENSES AND
FUNDING TRANSFERS 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 Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) 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.....\$10,000,000.

(B) for a 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.....\$10,000,000.

(C) for grants and personal services and operating expenses for empowering students in Arkansas to understand entrepreneurship and leverage broadband technologies to innovate and improve their economic and overall well being, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.



(D) for a grant for personal services and operating expenses for support of the Arkansas Academic Roadmap, in a sum not to exceed\$5,000,000.

(E) 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.....\$5,000,000.

(F) for grants for breakfast nutritional programs in public schools, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(G) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, instructional materials and supplies, technology upgrades/equipment, and library resources for residential or commuter Academic Enrichment for the Gifted/Talented in Summer programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(H) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, professional development and training, research, instructional materials and supplies, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for an arts-enriched curriculum, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(I) for grants, personal services, equipping, purchase of supplies and operating expenses for the Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(J) for grants for statewide after school literacy, nutrition, home visiting and early childhood programs to be administered by Save the Children for low income, at-risk children, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(K) for panic button alert systems expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(L) for grants and aid for organizations supporting Arkansas gifted and talented programs, in a sum not to exceed..... \$150,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, the following:

(A) for grants and aid for the Arkansas Better Chance Program, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(B) 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.....\$10,000,000.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered. New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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.

/s/Teague