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SENATE BILL 475

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, GRANTS AND OTHER PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for a grant for equipment, supplies, operating expenses and personal services for the Burlsworth Foundation, in a sum not to exceed\$5,000,000.

(B) for a grant to Radiation Therapy Institutes for providing radiation therapy services, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(C) for grants for after-school and summer literacy and nutrition services for at-risk children and youth, in a sum not to exceed\$5,000,000.

(D) for grants for community based programs for personal services, operating expenses, equipment, supplies and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(E) for grants for construction, renovation, personal services,



operating expenses, purchase of equipment and major maintenance for After School Programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(F) for grants for operating expenses, treatment programs and equipment for Homeless Shelters, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(G) for grants for personal services, operating expenses and equipment for food pantries, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(H) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, programmatic material and equipment for Safe Haven Programs, in a sum not to exceed\$5,000,000.

(I) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, construction, supplies and equipment for organizations providing housing for the homeless, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(J) for grants to community organizations which provide services to the poor for construction, renovation, personal services, operating expenses, purchase of equipment and major maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$5,000,000.

(K) for renovation, remodeling, upgrades, installation, equipment and supplies for bathrooms at the Children’s Rehabilitation Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIRECTOR’S OFFICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Director’s Office, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for a grant 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.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging and Adult Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants for Meals on Wheels providers for construction, renovation, personal services, operating expenses, purchase of equipment and major maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(B) for grants for personal services and operating expenses, construction, renovation, and the purchase of equipment to provide various community-based senior services, including but not limited to, congregate and home-delivered meals, client representation, information and assistance, socialization, adult day care and transportation, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(C) for grants to Area Agencies on Aging for construction, renovation, personal services and operating expenses, purchase of equipment, and major maintenance of Senior Citizen Centers, in a sum not to exceed\$10,000,000.

(D) for grants for construction, renovation, personal services and operating expenses, purchase of equipment, and major maintenance of Senior Citizen Centers, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(E) for grants for hospice providers for construction, renovation, personal services, operating, purchase of equipment, and major maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for a transfer to the Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund for behavioral health services and community based services for the citizens of the State of Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(B) for grants for Mental Health Services Treatment Programs for personal services and operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(C) for grants for Treatment Programs for abused women for personal services, operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(D) for grants for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention for personal services and operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed....\$5,000,000.

(E) for grants for Prevention Resource Centers for personal services

and operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to community programs serving developmentally disabled individuals for personal services and operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(B) for grants to Human Development Centers serving developmentally disabled individuals for personal services and operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(C) for a grant to a transitional living shelter for women 18 or older who have been treated for a mental, physical or emotional disability for personal services, operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed...\$5,000,000.

(D) for a grant to the Conway Human Development Center serving developmentally disabled individuals for personal services and operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(E) for personal services, operating expenses, professional fees and grants to expand the capacity of the Arkansas Autism Waiver Program, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of State Services for the Blind, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to organizations that provide comprehensive programs to assist the blind or visually impaired in achieving sustainable independence for personal services, operating expenses, construction, improvements,

equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to pediatric early literacy programs that partner with doctors to prepare Arkansas's youngest children to succeed in school, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to youth shelters for personal services, operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovations and maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(B) for grants to community based programs and juvenile delinquency prevention programs for personal services and operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

(C) for grants to the Arkansas Juvenile Assessment & Treatment Center for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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.