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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 479

By: Senator Teague

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE INSTITUTIONS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR GENERAL 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 STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO.

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

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

(B) for capital improvements including completion of theatre reconstruction, parking and landscaping at Colony Center, adjacent outdoor stage, parking at Cash home, construction of outbuildings, including barn for classrooms and restrooms, and colony house to be used for security/maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for the Paragould Instructional Site, in a sum not to exceed



.....\$5,000,000.

(D) for major maintenance, construction, operating expenses, security equipment, repairs, and equipment for the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(E) for major repairs and maintenance, including new parget coat on south wall, door replacements, and repairs to outdoor security lighting; and costs of relocating a sharecropper shack to the site to be retrofitted as a classroom and community events space, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

(F) for remodeling, renovation, refurbishing, equipment, furnishings, replacement of plumbing/electrical/heating and cooling systems, and exhibit expenses of Lakeport Plantation facilities, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

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

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

(B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources at the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from

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

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to 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, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the University of Arkansas System, in a sum not to exceed.....\$25,000,000.

(B) for a grant for Arkansas Teacher Corps for personal services and operating expenses to provide training and support for Arkansas teachers statewide, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, and technology upgrades/equipment for U of A - Garvan Woodland Gardens, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(D) for construction, renovation, maintenance, personal services, equipment, and operational expenses of the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(E) for personal services and general operating expenses, construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for the U of A - Fayetteville - Pryor Center for Oral and Visual History, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(F) for personal services and general operating expenses, construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for U of A - Fayetteville - Partners for Inclusive Communities, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(G) for U of A Fayetteville Partners for Inclusive Communities Autism Awareness Supporting Grants, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - ARCHEOLOGICAL

SURVEY. There is hereby appropriated, to 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, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(B) for personal services, equipment, and operational expenses of the Arkansas Archeological Survey for a two year program to help organizations document and preserve African American burial sites in Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for constructing and equipping Foundation Seed facilities at the Rice Research and Extension Center in Stuttgart, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

(B) for improvements and renovation of facilities, water treatment plant, sewer systems, and construction of buildings and structures at the Arkansas 4-H Center that are used to support Arkansas 4-H programs conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

(C) for personal services and operating expenses in support of providing a positive 4-H youth development experience for Arkansas youth between the ages of 5 and 19, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(D) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(E) for personal services and operating expenses, improvements to facilities, maintenance, sewer systems, facility renovation, roof replacement, equipment, and construction for the C.A. Vines Arkansas 4-H Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE. There is hereby appropriated, to 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, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - CLINTON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE. There is hereby appropriated, to 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, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(B) for scholarships and operations for the Clinton School of Public Service, in a sum not to exceed.....\$300,000.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS. There is hereby appropriated, to 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, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FORT SMITH. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training,

supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

(B) for renovation, refitting, construction, land acquisition, equipment, and operating expenses for the Math/Science Building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - LITTLE ROCK.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

(B) for personal services and operating expenses, research, and development of viable technologies by the UALR Nanotechnology Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(C) for the construction, equipping, operations and maintenance of the UALR Innovation Center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies, patient care and support expenses and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

(B) for maintenance and general operating expenses of the College of Health Professions Physician Assistant Program, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

(C) for matching funds for the Adult Sickle Cell Clinical Network, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(D) for personal services and general operating expenses of the Sickle Cell Anemia Task Force, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(E) for personal services, maintenance and general operations,

information technology equipment and software and other support equipment, research, and patient care and support expenses of the UAMS Regional Program - Northeast, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(F) for personal services, maintenance and general operations, information technology equipment and software and other support equipment, research, and patient care and support expenses of the UAMS Regional Program - South, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(G) for personal services, operating expenses, various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, and upgrade and repair of real property and facilities of the Northwest Arkansas Medical School and any of its programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(H) for purchase of equipment, equipment maintenance and supplies for the Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - MONTICELLO. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

(B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and furnishings for the UAM - Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and furnishings for the UAM - McGehee campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

(D) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and furnishings of the Math and Science Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

(B) for literacy services, tutoring, and adult education programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(C) for matching funds for the 1890 Research and Extension Programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(D) for off-main-campus literacy services, tutoring, and adult education programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Central 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, deferred maintenance, equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, purchase of land or facilities, improvement, training, supplies and library resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

SECTION 17. 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 18. 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 19. 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.