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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1536

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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12 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
13 AFFAIRS DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT
14 APPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL PROJECT. There is hereby
21 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable from the
22 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

23 (A) for construction of a maintenance/storage facility and parking lot
24 at the North Little Rock State Veterans' Home, in a sum not to exceed
25\$387,610.
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27 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
28 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
29 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
30 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
31 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
32 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
33 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
34 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
35 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
36 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General



1 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 2 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

3 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
 4 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
 5 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
 6 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 7 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 8 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
 9 otherwise by law.

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 11 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 12 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 13 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 14 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 15 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 16 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 17 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 18 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 20 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 21 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 22 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
 24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
 27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.