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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1534

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE INSTITUTIONS  
OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT  
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Northeastern College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of a Center for Science and Technology, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,000,000.
- (B) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$310,000.
- (C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$410,000.
- (D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$113,165.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Beebe, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for expansion of information technology infrastructure to support distance education, in a sum not to exceed .....\$520,000.
- (B) for renovation of State Hall, in a sum not to exceed ...\$1,500,000.



- (C) for renovation of the Owen Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,480,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$130,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,110,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$346,925.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for upgrades to classroom technology, in a sum not to exceed .....\$825,000.
- (B) for upgrades to student laptops, in a sum not to exceed ..\$250,000.
- (C) for upgrades to faculty hardware technology, in a sum not to exceed .....\$125,000.
- (D) for upgrades to campus security system, in a sum not to exceed .....\$150,000.
- (E) for upgrades to technology infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed .....\$150,000.
- (F) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$180,000.
- (G) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (H) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$101,530.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for upgrades to ERP software, in a sum not to exceed .....\$800,000.
- (B) for upgrades and replacement of IT infrastructure technology, in a sum not to exceed .....\$850,000.
- (C) for costs of renovation and purchase of an Occupational Technical Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,350,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$150,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$270,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$137,195.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Newport, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of renovation and construction of Nursing and Allied Health Building - Newport Campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,050,000.
- (B) for renovation and remodel of the Main Building on the Jonesboro Campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,950,000.
- (C) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.
- (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$370,000.
- (E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$264,815.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University Three Rivers, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of a Health/Science Technology Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,504,550.
- (B) for phone system upgrade and replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$99,450.
- (C) for backup generator for Data Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$45,000.
- (D) for replacement of the Walkway Roof, in a sum not to exceed .....\$162,000.
- (E) for upgrades to the Data Center hardware, in a sum not to exceed .....\$94,500.
- (F) for classroom computer replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$67,500.
- (G) for new classroom building doors and windows, in a sum not to exceed .....\$27,000.
- (H) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$220,000.
- (I) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$90,540.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Black River Technical College, to be payable from

the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for improvements to the Health Science Complex, in a sum not to exceed .....\$405,000.
- (B) for the renovation of the "A" and "B" Buildings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$157,500.
- (C) for AC/Library equipment replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$54,000.
- (D) for costs of construction of a storage building for grounds maintenance tractors and equipment, in a sum not to exceed .....\$90,000.
- (E) for costs of construction of a Secondary Center in Paragould, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,293,500.
- (F) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$20,000.
- (G) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$420,000.
- (H) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$173,470.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for renovation and expansion of the Educational Resource Center/Center for Student Success, in a sum not to exceed .....\$55,000.
- (B) for costs of construction of a Multipurpose/Convocation Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,270,000.
- (C) for technology upgrades and improvements of the network infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed .....\$675,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$310,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$112,970.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the East Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for demolition of the Technology Instruction Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$616,000.

- (B) for expansion of the Transportation Technology Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$816,000.
- (C) for renovation of technology infrastructure and systems, in a sum not to exceed .....\$550,000.
- (D) for renovation of Classroom Building 3, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,018,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$460,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,185.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the National Park College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for renovation for Medical Professions facility consolidation, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,604,600.
- (B) for renovation of the Technical Sciences Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$955,000.
- (C) for renovation for the Welding Technology program, in a sum not to exceed .....\$380,400.
- (D) for phone system replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$60,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$110,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,635.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the North Arkansas College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of the Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,765,000.
- (B) for renovation of tiered classrooms to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, in a sum not to exceed .....\$75,000.
- (C) for public address system technology, in a sum not to exceed .....\$60,000.
- (D) for renovation and replacement of sliding glass doors, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.

- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$490,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$178,575.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of a Physical Plant Facility, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (B) for upgrades to the Main Campus HVAC controls, in a sum not to exceed .....\$600,000.
- (C) for remodel of the two remaining bathrooms in Burns Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$64,000.
- (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$560,000.
- (E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$703,985.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - OZARKA COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Ozarka College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for renovation of the Workforce Training Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,350,000.
- (B) for costs of construction of the Agriculture Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,350,000.
- (C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$260,000.
- (D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$107,855.

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for upgrades to technology infrastructure and equipment, in a sum not to exceed .....\$130,000.
- (B) for campus security upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.

(C) for renovation and repair of the Pillow-Thompson House, in a sum not to exceed .....\$325,000.

(D) for ADA improvements to various buildings on the Helena-West Helena Campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$280,000.

(E) for roof repair and replacement for four buildings on the Helena-West Helena Campus and the Training Center - Dewitt Campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$600,000.

(F) for renovation of the gymnasium on the Helena-West Helena Campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.

(G) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$150,000.

(H) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$950,000.

(I) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$112,245.

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SAU - TECH. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU - Tech, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for upgrade and replacement of campus HVAC units, in a sum not to exceed .....\$450,000.

(B) for technology infrastructure upgrade of Jenzabar PX to EX, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,250,000.

(C) for renovation of the Administration and Business Buildings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$709,000.

(D) for costs of construction of a Career & Workforce Development Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$591,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$290,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$125,750.

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - SAU - TECH - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU - Tech, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for instructional equipment, in a sum not to exceed .....\$25,000.

(B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$10,000.

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - SAU - TECH - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU - Tech, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of a driving course, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,750,000.

(B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$60,000.

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - SOUTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the South Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for renovation of the Computer Technology Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$989,858.

(B) for upgrades for technology infrastructure, safety, and ADA compliance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$425,000.

(C) for an addition to the Health Science Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,585,142.

(D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$60,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$480,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$143,250.

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southeast Arkansas College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for chiller replacement in the Technology Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.

(B) for boiler replacement in McGeorge Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$80,000.

(C) for upgrades to campus-wide security cameras, in a sum not to exceed .....\$200,000.

(D) for campus-wide upgrade to LED lighting, in a sum not to exceed .....\$800,000.

(E) for upgrade and replacement of HVAC controls, in a sum not to exceed .....\$300,000.

(F) for purchase of the Wellness Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,155,187.

- (G) for abatement and demolition of General Studies South & General Studies North, in a sum not to exceed .....\$364,813.
- (H) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$90,000.
- (I) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$360,000.
- (J) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$118,350.

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT BATESVILLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for renovation of the Main Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.
- (B) for renovation of the Annex Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.
- (C) for maintenance and stabilization of the vehicular bridge near the center of campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (D) for renovation of underground utilities, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$40,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$190,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$132,960.

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT HOPE-TEXARKANA. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of the Texarkana Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,895,000.
- (B) for instructional technology, in a sum not to exceed .....\$420,000.
- (C) for renovation of the Testing Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$685,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$20,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$270,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a

sum not to exceed .....\$131,215.

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT MORRILTON. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of the Allied Health/Health Sciences Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,500,000.

(B) for costs of renovation and construction of the Technology I Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(C) for costs of renovation and construction of the Technology II Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.

(D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$10,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$420,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$211,705.

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH MOUNTAIN. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for technology upgrade of Lecture Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$590,500.

(B) for costs of construction of the Allied Health Services Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,209,000.

(C) for the purchase of Allied Health equipment, in a sum not to exceed .....\$200,500.

(D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$67,950.

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for the sealing of windows and brick for the CCB, IT/BTC and Science Library Buildings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$330,000.
- (B) for roof replacement and repair for the Administration Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.
- (C) for campus boiler replacement, in a sum not to exceed ....\$900,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$70,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$580,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$534,905.

SECTION 25. 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 26. 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 27. 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, 2021 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, 2021 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, 2021.