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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1085

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By: Senator Gilmore

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE CRIME LABORATORY FOR A NEW
STATE CRIME LAB FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY - STATE CRIME LABORATORY
DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE CRIME LAB FACILITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety - State Crime Laboratory, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for operating expenses, personal services, land acquisition, land improvement, construction and equipping of a new State Crime Lab facility, in a sum not to exceed\$212,070,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State two hundred twelve million seventy thousand dollars (\$212,070,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Development and Enhancement Fund, there to be used exclusively for operating expenses, personal services, land acquisition, land



improvement, construction and equipping of a new State Crime Lab.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the timely processing of criminal cases requires the acquisition of a new crime lab facility; and that this act would improve the safety of all citizens by providing the Department of Public Safety with the necessary resources to process the increasing number

of backlogged criminal cases. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.