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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 329

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR HISTORICALLY  
BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES GRANTS AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION -  
HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES GRANTS AND EXPENSES  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL  
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
GRANTS AND EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
Education - Division of Higher Education, to be payable from the Higher  
Education Grants Fund Account, the following:

(A) for grants for scholarships to Historically Black Colleges and  
Universities and for personal services and operating expenses as determined  
by the Division of Higher Education for outreach programs to promote  
awareness of those scholarships, in a sum not to exceed .....\$4,000,000.



SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING 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 Auditor of the State the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for the payment of grants to and for Historically Black Colleges and Universities as appropriated by this act.

SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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, 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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023.