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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1493

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 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
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 renovation/replacement of the Administration Building roof, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,350,000.
- (B) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$680,000.
- (C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$270,000.
- (D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$116,840.

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 renovation of the Owen Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,050,000.



- (B) for renovation of State Hall, in a sum not to exceed ...\$2,000,000.
- (C) for expansion and update of IT infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed .....\$450,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$450,000.
- (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 .....\$356,080.

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 classroom technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$800,000.
- (B) for student laptop upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.
- (C) for campus security updates, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.
- (D) for technology infrastructure upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$400,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$110,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$570,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$82,080.

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 renovation of the Technical Center roof coating, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.
- (B) for critical maintenance equipment project, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,600,000.
- (C) for IT infrastructure upgrades/replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$300,000.
- (D) for the Vada Sheid Community Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.
- (E) for security system upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$310,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a

sum not to exceed .....\$156,560.

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 renovation of the Nursing and Health Professions Building on the Marked Tree campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(B) for renovation and remodeling of the Main Building on the Jonesboro campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(C) for renovation and remodeling of the Main Building on the Marked Tree campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(D) for Phase 2 Photovoltaic Solar Array, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$430,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$285,273.

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 workforce training expansion, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(B) for costs of construction of the Career Center Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,380,000.

(C) for an energy management system, in a sum not to exceed ..\$400,000.

(D) for renovation of the Science Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.

(E) for costs of construction of the Facilities Management Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$720,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$240,000.

(G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$94,780.

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 renovation of the RCDC Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$697,500.
- (B) for renovation of the "A" and "B" Buildings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$247,500.
- (C) for renovation of the Global Education Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$225,000.
- (D) for renovation of the Integrated Automation Technology Lab, in a sum not to exceed .....\$382,500.
- (E) for renovation of the Health Science Complex, in a sum not to exceed .....\$405,000.
- (F) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$70,000.
- (G) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$470,000.
- (H) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$168,167.

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 fiber optic and switch replacements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$475,000.
- (B) for costs of construction of a multi-purpose facility/convocation center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,955,000.
- (C) for roof replacement of the Nashville Atrium, in a sum not to exceed .....\$570,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$370,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$118,800.

SECTION 9. 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 and repair of Pedestrian Bridge (4), in a sum not to exceed .....\$88,005.
- (B) for renovation and replacement of the Gym Complex HVAC, in a sum

- not to exceed .....\$343,000.
- (C) for renovation and replacement of the Gerald Fisher CC roof, in a sum not to exceed .....\$170,690.
- (D) for costs of construction of the Welding Technology Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,398,305.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$160,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$810,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$285,060.

SECTION 10. 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 for Bradley Center expansion, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,195,000.
- (B) for technology systems improvements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,245,000.
- (C) for the replacement of sliding glass doors, in a sum not to exceed .....\$275,000.
- (D) for the renovation of tiered classrooms to comply with ADA, in a sum not to exceed .....\$285,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$200,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$430,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$200,613.

SECTION 11. 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 end point detection remediation, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.
- (B) for Burns Hall HVAC water units, in a sum not to exceed ..\$329,000.
- (C) for renovation of White Auditorium, in a sum not to exceed .....\$277,000.
- (D) for costs of construction of Health Professions Building 2, in a sum not to exceed .....\$4,144,000.

- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$790,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$740,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$773,300.

SECTION 12. 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 Administration Building roof and HVAC, in a sum not to exceed .....\$600,000.
- (B) for costs of construction of the Skilled Trades Facility in Ash Flat, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (C) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$90,000.
- (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$290,000.
- (E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,107.

SECTION 13. 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 campus fire and security system upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,750,000.
- (B) for ADA compliance improvements, in a sum not to exceed ..\$250,000.
- (C) for roof repair and replacement, in a sum not to exceed ..\$700,000.
- (D) for HVAC and LED efficiency upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$620,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,060,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$133,340.

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for roof and foundation repair, in a sum not to exceed ...\$875,997.

- (B) for HVAC replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (C) for renovation of Manning Hall and Shumaker Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,124,003.
- (D) for alarm panel upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$175,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$740,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,050,000.
- (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$126,933.

SECTION 15. 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 critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$20,000.
- (B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$20,000.

SECTION 16. 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 equipment replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$91,000.
- (B) for training ground enhancements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,172,000.
- (C) for HVAC improvements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$237,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$40,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$60,000.

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the South Arkansas College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of the Facilities Plant Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,850,000.
- (B) for safety/ADA compliance upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$150,000.
- (C) for the Health Science Center addition, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$180,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$148,193.

SECTION 18. 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 costs of construction of the SEARK Emergency Operations Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,300,000.

(B) for campus roof replacement for Founders Hall and McGeorge Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$400,000.

(C) for renovation of the Testing Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.

(D) for renovation of the Commons Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.

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

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$330,000.

(G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$132,687.

SECTION 19. 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 Gateway Center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.

(B) for renovation of the Main Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(C) for renovation of the vehicle bridge, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

(D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$590,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$230,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$145,967.

SECTION 20. 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 HVAC replacements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$820,000.
- (B) for renovation of Hempstead Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$300,000.
- (C) for building upgrades and maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$340,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$300,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$97,340.

SECTION 21. 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 .....\$2,000,000.
- (B) for renovation and construction of East Campus infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- (C) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$210,000.
- (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$230,000.
- (E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$237,367.

SECTION 22. 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 costs of construction of the Health Science Facility, in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,209,000.
- (B) for technology upgrade of Lecture Hall, in a sum not to exceed .....\$590,500.
- (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 .....\$60,000.

- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$130,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$88,933.

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for switchgear replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$400,000.
- (B) for structural corrections, in a sum not to exceed .....\$730,000.
- (C) for ground repair new FAC and LRC, in a sum not to exceed .....\$375,000.
- (D) for renovation of roofs, in a sum not to exceed .....\$200,000.
- (E) for renovation of Admin and FAC, in a sum not to exceed ..\$575,000.
- (F) for costs of construction of new welding/HVAC training labs, in a sum not to exceed .....\$615,000.
- (G) for air conditioning for vocational labs, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.
- (H) for demolition of vacant buildings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$500,000.
- (I) for widening the South Campus entrance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.
- (J) for asphalt for part of Welcome Way, in a sum not to exceed .....\$195,000.
- (K) for painting CTE shops and awnings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$80,000.
- (L) for tower repair, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.
- (M) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$40,000.
- (N) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$520,000.
- (O) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,427.

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 costs of construction of the Center for Innovation and Applied Engineering, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,920,000.

(B) for renovation of the Allied Health Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,330,000.

(C) for renovation of the Library, in a sum not to exceed ....\$750,000.

(D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$70,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$660,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed .....\$647,020.

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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.