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As Engrossed: S3/14/17
A Bill

SENATE BILL 453

5 By: Senator Teague
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, EXPENSES
10 AND FUNDING TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, EXPENSES AND
16 FUNDING TRANSFERS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
17 APPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
24 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
25 following:

26 (A) for a transfer to the Department of Education Public School Fund
27 Account for grants and aid for the Arkansas Better Chance Program, in a sum
28 not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

29 (B) for a transfer to the Department of Education Public School Fund
30 Account for grants and aid for open-enrollment public charter schools for the
31 Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program, in a
32 sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

33 (C) for grants and personal services and operating expenses for
34 empowering students in Arkansas to understand entrepreneurship and leverage
35 broadband technologies to innovate and improve their economic and overall
36 well being, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.



1 (D) for a grant for personal services and operating expenses for
2 support of the Arkansas Academic Roadmap, in a sum not to exceed
3\$5,000,000.

4 (E) for a grant for Teach for America for personal services and
5 operating expenses to provide training and support for Arkansas teachers
6 statewide, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

7 (F) for grants for breakfast nutritional programs in public schools, in
8 a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

9 (G) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, instructional
10 materials and supplies, technology upgrades/equipment, and library resources
11 for residential or commuter Academic Enrichment for the Gifted/Talented in
12 Summer programs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

13 (H) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, professional
14 development and training, research, instructional materials and supplies,
15 technology upgrades/equipment and library resources for an arts-enriched
16 curriculum, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

17 (I) for grants, personal services, equipping, purchase of supplies and
18 operating expenses for the Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap, in a
19 sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

20 (J) for grants for statewide after school literacy, nutrition, home
21 visiting and early childhood programs to be administered by Save the Children
22 for low income, at-risk children, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

23 (K) for panic button alert systems expenses, in a sum not to
24 exceed.....\$5,000,000.

25 (L) for grants and aid for organizations supporting Arkansas gifted and
26 talented programs, in a sum not to exceed..... \$150,000.

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28 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND
29 ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be
30 payable from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, the
31 following:

32 (A) for grants and aid for the Arkansas Better Chance Program, in a sum
33 not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

34 (B) for grants and aid for open-enrollment public charter schools for
35 the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program, in
36 a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

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2 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

4 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
5 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
6 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
7 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
8 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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10 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
11 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
12 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
13 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
14 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
15 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
16 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
17 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
18 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
19 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
20 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
21 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

22 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
23 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
24 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
25 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
26 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
27 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
28 otherwise by law.

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30 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
5 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
9 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
10 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
11 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
13 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

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