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A Bill

SENATE BILL 468

5 By: Senator Teague
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR GENERAL
10 IMPROVEMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - GENERAL
16 IMPROVEMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECT GRANTS
17 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
24 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
25 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
26 accounts, the following:

27 (A) for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts,
28 and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction,
29 renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site
30 development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment
31 acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and
32 waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements,
33 environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water
34 and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.
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36 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS STATEWIDE. There is



1 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
2 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
3 accounts, the following:

4 (A) for grants to Boys and Girls Clubs statewide for construction,
5 renovation, maintenance, purchase of equipment, personal services and
6 operating expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

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8 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP-BASED NONPROFIT
9 ASSOCIATION GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic
10 Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
11 its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

12 (A) for a grant for a statewide membership-based nonprofit association
13 for continued development to promote and support statewide capacity building
14 and nonprofit workforce development through technical assistance for
15 organizational development, products and services to improve efficiency, and
16 a network for professional and organizational engagement, in a sum not to
17 exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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19 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WORLD TRADE CENTER. There is
20 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
21 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
22 accounts, the following:

23 (A) for a grant for the Arkansas World Trade Center for personal
24 services, operating expenses, materials, equipment, renovations, construction
25 and maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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27 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. There is hereby
28 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
29 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
30 following:

31 (A) for grants for cities for land acquisition, construction,
32 renovation, equipment, maintenance and operating expenses for Information
33 Technology Centers, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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35 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. There is
36 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

1 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
2 accounts, the following:

3 (A) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, professional
4 fees and grants for an economic alliance of counties that seeks to bring new
5 businesses to the Arkansas Delta, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.
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7 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - CONNECT ARKANSAS PROJECT GRANTS. There is
8 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
9 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
10 accounts, the following:

11 (A) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, various
12 maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement
13 and upgrade and repair of real property and facilities for the Connect
14 Arkansas Project, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.
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16 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING STATIONS -
17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
18 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement
19 Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

20 (A) for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts,
21 and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction,
22 renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment for compressed
23 natural gas fueling stations, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.
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25 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS TO HEALTH RELATED FACILITIES OR
26 HOSPITALS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic
27 Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
28 its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

29 (A) for grants to health related facilities or hospitals for
30 construction, land acquisition, improvements, renovation, maintenance,
31 equipment acquisition, and technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
32\$5,000,000.
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34 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
35 hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
36 Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or

1 its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

2 (A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
3 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,
4 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with
5 public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters,
6 recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed
7\$10,000,000.

8 (B) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
9 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,
10 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with
11 the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical
12 services and emergency management programs, in a sum not to exceed
13\$10,000,000.

14 (C) for community improvement grants to counties, for operating,
15 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
16 associated with county fairs and rodeos, in a sum not to exceed
17\$10,000,000.

18 (D) for Enhanced Community Services Grants, in a sum not to exceed
19\$10,000,000.

20 (E) for grants to Arkansas' Boys and Girls Clubs for operating,
21 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
22 associated with providing youth program activities, in a sum not to exceed
23\$10,000,000.

24 (F) for grants for various maintenance, renovation, equipping,
25 construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade and repair of real property
26 and facilities or for real property or facilities that are listed on the
27 National Register of Historic Places, in a sum not to exceed
28\$5,000,000.

29 (G) for grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or
30 other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment,
31 renovation, and maintenance expenses for African American cemeteries, in a
32 sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

33 (H) for grants for construction, renovation, equipping and upgrades of
34 public buildings and facilities owned by Counties, Municipalities or
35 subdivisions, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

36 (I) for grants for maintenance and operations, construction, repairs

1 and equipment for Museums, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

2 (J) for grants for operating expenses, maintenance, renovation,
3 equipment and improvements for after school programs, in a sum not to exceed
4\$5,000,000.

5 (K) for grants to cities and counties for construction, renovation,
6 major maintenance for infrastructure, parking lots, signage, and operating
7 expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

8 (L) for grants to counties for operating, construction, improvements,
9 equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with county jails,
10 in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

11 (M) for grants to police departments for operating, construction,
12 improvements, equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to
13 exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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15 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to
16 the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission,
17 to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
18 accounts, the following:

19 (A) for grants to counties for operating, construction, improvements,
20 equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with law
21 enforcement, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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23 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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31 SECTION 13. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or

1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

7 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
8 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
9 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
10 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
11 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
12 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
13 otherwise by law.

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15 SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
17 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
18 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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24 SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
25 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
26 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

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