

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

HOUSE BILL 1808

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5 By: Representatives Blount, T. Baker, E. Brown, Chesterfield, Davis, S. Dobbins, Flowers, Hardy, W.
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
11 OF *WORKFORCE EDUCATION* FOR THE SMALL *MINORITY*
12 CONTRACTORS SURETY BONDING AND MENTOR PROTEGEE
13 TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF *WORKFORCE*
18 *EDUCATION* - SMALL *MINORITY* CONTRACTORS
19 SURETY BONDING AND MENTOR PROTEGEE
20 TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM GENERAL
21 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS – SMALL *MINORITY* CONTRACTORS SURETY BONDING
26 PILOT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of *Workforce*
27 *Education*, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
28 fund or fund accounts, the following:

29 (A) For personal services, development and implementation of the Small
30 *Minority* Contractors Surety Bonding and Mentor-Protegee Training Pilot
31 Program in the four (4) Arkansas Congressional districts, the sum of
32\$1,530,000.

33 (B) For administration and program services of more qualified minority
34 business enterprises, disadvantaged business enterprises, and historically
35 under-utilized businesses that specialize in construction for the Small



1 *Minority Contractors Surety Bonding and Mentor-Protegee Training Pilot*
 2 *Program, the sum of*
 3 *.....\$1,280,245.*

4 *(C) For in-kind development and operation support services, the sum of*
 5 *.....\$352,000.*

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 7 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
 8 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
 9 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
 10 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
 11 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
 12 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
 13 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
 14 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
 15 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 16 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 17 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 18 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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 26 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
 27 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
 28 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
 29 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
 30 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
 31 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
 32 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
 33 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 35 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

1 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
2 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
3 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
4 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
5 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
6 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
7 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
8 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
9 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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11 */s/ Blount, et al*

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