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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5	By: Representatives Weaver, House, Oglesby, Gillespie, L. Prater, Bennett, Gipson, Jacobs, Key,
6	Hathorn, Stovall, Scroggin, Hickinbotham, Milligan, Ferguson, Biggs, C. Taylor, Cowling
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled
10	AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ALL FINES LEVIED ON
11	PERSONS CONVICTED OF GAME AND FISH VIOLATIONS MAY
12	BE USED TO FUND SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR
13	FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND OTHER PURPOSES
14	CONSISTENT WITH AMENDMENT 35; AND FOR OTHER
15	PURPOSES.
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22	CONSERVATION AND OTHER PURPOSES
23	CONSISTENT WITH AMENDMENT 35.
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26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-41-209, concerning fines, fees, and
29	costs arising out of convictions of persons violating state laws protecting
30	game, fish, and wildlife, is amended by adding an additional subsection to
31	read as follows:
32	(d) All or any portion of the fine monies deposited as special
33	revenues in the Game Protection Fund may be expended by the Arkansas State
34	Game and Fish Commission in the form of grants issued to the Arkansas
35	Department of Education for fish and wildlife conservation education and
36	other purposes consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution.



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1	(e)(l) The commission shall file a written report no later than
2	October 1 of each even numbered year with the Legislative Council and the
3	Joint Budget Committee indicating the amount of fines deposited into the Game
4	Protection Fund during the prior two (2) fiscal years, and the amount of
5	those funds transferred to the Department of Education under subsection (d)
6	of this section.
7	(2) If all of the fine moneys were not transferred to the
8	Department of Education, the commission shall include in its report an
9	explanation as to why all funds were not transferred.
10	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, is amended by adding an
11	additional subchapter to read as follows:
12	6-16-1101. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education.
13	(a) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Arkansas
14	State Game and Fish Commission, shall establish school education programs for
15	fish and wildlife conservation and other purposes consistent with Amendment
16	<u>35 of the Arkansas Constitution.</u>
17	(b) The conservation education programs may include, but not be
18	limited to, the study of general fish and wildlife conservation issues,
19	hunter education training, fishing education training, boating education
20	training, wildlife habitat development, Project WILD, and the Hooked on
21	Fishing Not on Drugs Program.
22	(c)(l) The Department of Education shall distribute quarterly all
23	grant moneys provided by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission under § 15-41-
24	209(d) to the counties where the offenses occurred.
25	(2) The counties shall distribute quarterly all of the funds to
26	the school districts within the counties in the manner prescribed by
27	ordinance of the county quorum courts.
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29	/s/ Weaver, et al
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32	APPROVED: 3/27/2003
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