

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.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H2/27/03 H3/7/03 H3/12/03 H3/13/03*

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1730

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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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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ALL FINES LEVIED ON

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FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND OTHER PURPOSES

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CONSISTENT WITH AMENDMENT 35; AND FOR OTHER

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PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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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.*



1 (e)(1) 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 35 of the Arkansas Constitution.

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)(1) 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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