

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

SENATE BILL 941

5 By: Senator Steele  
6 *By: Representatives Bledsoe, Green*  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 *AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 15 CHAPTER 5*  
11 *TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL RESTRICTED FUND TO BE*  
12 *ADMINISTERED BY THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF*  
13 *ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE CLEANUP OF*  
14 *BROWNFIELDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

## Subtitle

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17 *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL RESTRICTED*  
18 *FUND FOR THE CLEANUP OF BROWNFIELDS.*  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 5 is amended to add an*  
24 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

25 *15-5-1501. Title.*

26 *This subchapter may be titled as the "Arkansas Brownfield Revolving*  
27 *Loan Fund Act".*

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29 *15-5-1502. Definitions.*

30 *As used in this subchapter, unless the context requires otherwise:*

31 *(1) "Authority" means the Arkansas Development Finance Authority*  
32 *or its successor;*

33 *(2) "Department" means the Arkansas Department of Environmental*  
34 *Quality or its successor; and*

35 *(3) "Fund" means the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund.*  
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1 15-5-1503. Fund – Establishment - Uses.

2 (a)(1) There is established on the books of the Arkansas Development  
3 Finance Authority, a special restricted fund to be known as the “Brownfield  
4 Revolving Loan Fund”, which shall be maintained by the authority and  
5 administered by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, for the  
6 purposes stated under this subchapter.

7 (2) The authority may create sub-accounts within the fund, as  
8 necessary.

9 (b) Moneys in the fund shall be expended in a manner consistent with  
10 the terms and conditions of applicable federal and state grants, and may be  
11 used:

12 (1) To provide loans to prospective and actual purchasers of  
13 abandoned industrial, commercial, or agricultural sites for assessments,  
14 investigations, and remedial actions under Arkansas Code Title 8, Chapter 7,  
15 Subchapter 11;

16 (2) To provide grants for assessments, investigations, and  
17 remedial actions under Arkansas Code Title 8, Chapter 7, Subchapter 11, or as  
18 consistent with federal law;

19 (3) To secure the payment of the principal, premium, and  
20 interest on, and to pay costs incurred in connection with, bonds issued by  
21 the authority, if the net proceeds of the bonds are deposited into the fund;

22 (4) To fund administrative expenses relating to implementing  
23 this subchapter; and

24 (5) To provide for any other expenditures consistent with  
25 applicable federal or state law.

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27 15-4-1504. Fund - Sources - Deposits.

28 (a) The following moneys shall be deposited directly into the  
29 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund:

30 (1) Grants from the federal government or federal agencies  
31 allotted to the state for capitalization of the fund;

32 (2) State matching grants;

33 (3) Proceeds of bonds issued by the authority under this  
34 subchapter;

35 (4) Loan payments of principal, interest, and premiums under  
36 this subchapter;

1           (5) Any money received from the Hazardous Substance Remedial  
2 Action Trust Fund;

3           (6) Any money received by the state as a gift or donation to the  
4 fund;

5           (7) Any interest earned upon money deposited into the fund; and

6           (8) Any other money legally designated for the fund.

7           (b)(1) All moneys received after the effective date of this  
8 subchapter, from whatever source, for direct deposit into the fund, or paid  
9 to the authority for deposit in the fund, are cash funds, restricted in their  
10 use, and shall not be deposited in the State Treasury or deemed to be a part  
11 of the State Treasury for the purposes of Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, §  
12 29, Article 16, § 12, Amendment 20, or any other constitutional or statutory  
13 provisions, but shall be held by the authority and used solely for the  
14 purposes stated under this subchapter.

15           (2) All moneys received by the authority under this subchapter  
16 shall be deposited into the fund when received, unless otherwise provided by  
17 state law.

18           (3)(A) Interest and other moneys received from the investment of  
19 moneys, the purchase of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness, or  
20 the making of loans with moneys in the fund, shall be cash funds to be used  
21 solely as authorized under this subchapter.

22           (B) Interest earnings that are transferred directly to the  
23 authority shall be cash funds to be used solely as authorized under this  
24 subchapter.

25           (c) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority may accept grants for  
26 deposit into the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund from any state or federal  
27 agency, municipality, corporation, foundation, individual, or authority, and  
28 may accept any appropriation from the State Treasury, that the authority  
29 received before, as of, or after the effective date of this subchapter.

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31           15-5-1505. Fund – Administration.

32           (a)(1) The Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund shall be administered by the  
33 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, with the Arkansas Development  
34 Finance Authority, serving as agent for the department.

35           (2) The department may establish procedures to administer the  
36 fund and the programs financed, in whole or in part, with moneys from the

1 fund that are used for the purposes stated under this subchapter.

2 (3) The department may enter into contracts and other agreements  
3 in connection with the operation of the fund, including contracts and  
4 agreements with federal agencies, local governmental entities, the authority,  
5 and other persons, to implement this subchapter.

6 (b) The department shall have full authority to operate the fund and  
7 may make withdrawals as necessary to achieve the intended purposes of this  
8 subchapter.

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10 15-5-1506. Loans - Grants.

11 (a) The Arkansas Finance Development Corporation, with approval of the  
12 Department of Environmental Quality, may:

13 (1) Make secured or unsecured loans from the fund;

14 (2) Award grants from the fund;

15 (3) May collect interest on any loans issued; and

16 (4) Assess penalties on late loan payments.

17 (b) Loans issued under this subchapter may contain an acceleration  
18 clause.

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20 15-5-1507. Allocation from Treasurer of State.

21 (a)(1) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority may accept moneys  
22 for deposit into the fund from the Treasurer of State for deposit into the  
23 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund, as provided by law, to be used for the  
24 purposes authorized under this subchapter.

25 (2) Federal or state grants transferred directly to the  
26 authority for deposit into the fund, are declared to be cash funds  
27 restricted in their use solely for the purposes under this subchapter.

28 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 19-6-108 and 19-6-601,  
29 federal or state grants received by the Treasurer of State for purposes  
30 authorized under this subchapter are declared to be cash funds to be used  
31 solely as authorized under this subchapter.

32 (c)(1) Moneys received under this section shall not be considered to  
33 be a part of the State Treasury for the purposes of Arkansas Constitution,  
34 Article 5 § 29, Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, § 12, Arkansas  
35 Constitution, Amendment 20, or any other constitutional or statutory  
36 provision.

1           (2) The State Treasurer shall not deposit moneys received under  
2 this section into the State Treasury, but shall remit the moneys to the  
3 authority for deposit in the fund.

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5           15-5-1508. Security for bonds.

6           The Arkansas Development Finance Authority may use the moneys in the  
7 Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund and the assets acquired with moneys in the  
8 fund to secure payment of the principal, premium, and interest on bonds  
9 issued by the authority, if the net proceeds of the bonds are deposited into  
10 the fund.

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12           15-5-1509. Administrative fees.

13           (a) The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and the Arkansas  
14 Development Finance Authority may establish fees for their respective  
15 administrative services under this subchapter, including the costs of  
16 financing loans and awarding grants under this subchapter.

17           (b) The authority to establish fees under this section is supplemental  
18 to the authority granted to the department or the authority under other laws.

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20           15-5-1510. Collection of fees.

21           (a)(1) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority, with approval of  
22 the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, may collect administrative  
23 fees and remit the fees directly to the authority within fifteen (15) days  
24 after each payment is collected.

25           (2) The authority shall remit any administrative fee owed to the  
26 department and the fees shall be deposited into the Brownfield Revolving Loan  
27 Fund on a quarterly basis.

28           (3) Any administrative fees owed to the authority shall not be  
29 deposited into the fund.

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31           15-5-1511. Regulations.

32           The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission may adopt  
33 regulations as necessary to implement this subchapter.

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35           SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
36 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is an urgent need to

1 return abandoned, idled, and underused industrial, commercial, and  
2 agricultural properties, otherwise known as Brownfield sites, to productive  
3 uses; that the state would benefit by allowing grant funds awarded from the  
4 federal government, as well as future grant awards and other moneys allocated  
5 to the Department of Environmental Quality, to be used to clean up Brownfield  
6 sites; that a successful revolving loan fund program will assist the  
7 department to reach its goal of returning Brownfield sites to productive  
8 uses. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
9 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
10 become effective on July 1, 2003.

11 /s/ Steele

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