

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 691

By: Senator H. Wilkins

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL
SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical services and emergency management programs, the sum of\$200,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary regarding population requirements or any other provision of law concerning the Department of Rural Services contained in the Arkansas Rural Development



1 Program Act, the +++++appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be
2 restricted by requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently
3 administered. New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the
4 intent of the General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in
5 this Act.

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7 SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 one (1) year period; that the
2 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 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, 2009 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, 2009.