

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1378

5 By: Representative H. Wilkins  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR  
10 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
15 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER -  
16 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS GENERAL  
17 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. There is  
24 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -  
25 Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its  
26 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

27 (A) for Planning and Development Grants, in a sum not to exceed  
28 .....\$5,000,000.  
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30 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
31 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and  
32 Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the General  
33 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for grants to  
34 planning and development districts, the following:

35 (A) for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
36 a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.



1 (B) for the North Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,  
2 in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

3 (C) for the Northeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
4 a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

5 (D) for the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
6 a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

7 (E) for the Southwest Economic Development District of Arkansas, Inc.,  
8 in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

9 (F) for the Western Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a  
10 sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

11 (G) for the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,  
12 in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

13 (H) for the Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a  
14 sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

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16 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

18 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
19 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
20 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
21 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
22 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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24 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
25 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
26 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
27 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
28 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
29 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
30 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
31 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
32 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
33 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
34 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
35 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

36 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing

1 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
 2 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
 3 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
 4 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
 5 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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 7 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 16 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 17 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 18 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
 20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
 23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.