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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1608

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16 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

17 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR  
19 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER  
20 PURPOSES.  
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23 **Subtitle**

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

36 (A) for Planning and Development Grants, in a sum not to exceed



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3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. There is  
4 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -  
5 Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its  
6 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

7 (A) for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
8 a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

9 (B) for the North Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,  
10 in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

11 (C) for the Northeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
12 a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

13 (D) for the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
14 a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

15 (E) for the Southwest Economic Development District of Arkansas, Inc.,  
16 in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

17 (F) for the Western Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a  
18 sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

19 (G) for the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,  
20 in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

21 (H) for the Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a  
22 sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

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24 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
25 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PLANNING AND  
26 DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. The appropriations and funds authorizing Planning and  
27 Development Grants by this Act shall be made available for the same purposes  
28 and to the same entities as authorized and recognized by the General Assembly  
29 in Arkansas Code 14-166-202 through 14-166-205, with the exception that any  
30 requirements for matching funds authorized in Arkansas Code 14-166-202  
31 through 14-166-205, or any other law to the contrary requiring matching  
32 funds, shall not apply to the Planning and Development District Grants  
33 authorized in this Act.

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35 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
36 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PLANNING AND

1 DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS. Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or  
2 provision of law to the contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act  
3 shall not be restricted by requirements that may be applicable to other  
4 programs currently administered. New rules and regulations may be adopted to  
5 carry out the intent of the General Assembly regarding the appropriations  
6 authorized in this Act.

7 No less than thirty (30) days prior to the distribution of any funds  
8 appropriated by this act, the director of the agency shall notify the Speaker  
9 of the House of Representatives of the name and address of each recipient and  
10 the amount that is being distributed to each recipient.

11 Each Arkansas Planning and Development District receiving planning and  
12 development grants authorized by this act shall take into consideration  
13 geography, population and city or county boundaries when promulgating rules  
14 and regulations for the disbursement of such funds.

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16 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
17 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
18 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
19 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
20 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
21 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
22 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
23 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
24 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
25 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
26 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
27 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

28 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
29 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
30 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
31 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
32 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
33 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
34 otherwise by law.

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36 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
2 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
3 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
4 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
5 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
6 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
7 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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9 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
11 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.  
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21 */s/Baird*  
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24 **APPROVED: 04/04/2013**  
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