

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

ACT 1279 OF 1997  
SENATE BILL 267

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND  
10 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY FOR  
11 THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY  
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997-99 BIENNIUM."  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
21 Office of Rural Advocacy for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum  
22 number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions  
23 of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201  
24 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided,  
25 however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set  
26 out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform  
27 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions  
28 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular  
29 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its  
30 successor.

Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual	Salary Rate
<del>No.</del>	<del>Code</del>	<del>Title</del>	<del>Employees</del>	<del>1997-98</del> <del>1998-99</del>
35	(1) 7077	DIRECTOR OF RURAL ADVOCACY	1	\$ 58,000 \$ 59,624
36	(2) R199	ASST DIRECTOR OF RURAL ADVOCACY	1	GRADE 22

1	(3) R168 GRANTS COORDINATOR II	2	GRADE 19
2	(4) R009 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	<u>1</u>	GRADE 15
3	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized for the Office of Rural Advocacy for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated to the Office of Rural Advocacy, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Rural Advocacy for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

18	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
19	<del>NO.</del>		<del>1997-98</del>	<del>1998-99</del>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$	134,372	\$ 159,406
21	(02) EXTRA HELP		5,400	5,400
22	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING		36,902	44,406
23	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE		51,085	51,085
25	(B) CONF. & TRVL.		10,100	10,100
26	(C) PROF. FEES		0	0
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY		10,000	5,000
28	(E) DATA PROC.		0	0
29	(05) RURAL COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS		500,000	500,000
30	(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS		<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$	<u>947,859</u>	\$ <u>975,397</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - CASH. There is hereby established for the Office of Rural Advocacy for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions

1 of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201  
 2 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided,  
 3 however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set  
 4 out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform  
 5 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions  
 6 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular  
 7 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its  
 8 successor.

			Maximum Annual	
			Maximum	Salary Rate
<del>Item Class</del>			<del>No. of Fiscal Years</del>	
No.	Code	Title	Employees	Fiscal Years
13	(1) R168	GRANTS COORDINATOR II	1	GRADE 19
14		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

16 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 17 Office of Rural Advocacy, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas  
 18 Code 19-4-801 of the Office of Rural Advocacy, for personal services and  
 19 operating expenses of the Office of Rural Advocacy for the biennial period  
 20 ending June 30, 1999, the following:

<del>ITEM</del>		<del>FISCAL YEARS</del>	
NO.		1997-98	1998-99
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 26,267	\$ 0
25	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	7,664	0
26	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,661	2,661
28	(B) CONF. & TRVL.	775	775
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
32	(04) GRANTS/AIDS FOR RURAL COMMUNITY PLANNING	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 137,367</u>	<u>\$ 103,436</u>

35 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The Office of Rural Advocacy shall

1 promulgate regulations establishing the criteria to be utilized in determining  
2 to whom grants will be made under this Act. Subject to the approval of the  
3 Governor, and after prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the  
4 Joint Budget Committee, the Office of Rural Advocacy shall distribute the  
5 grants.

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7 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS. *There is hereby appropriated to the Office*  
8 *of Rural Advocacy, to be payable from the Center for Rural Arkansas Trust*  
9 *Fund, from funds received from the General Improvement Fund or from other*  
10 *funds that may be made available by the General Assembly, for the*  
11 *establishment of the Center for Rural Arkansas, for the biennial period ending*  
12 *June 30, 1999, the sum of ..... \$1,000,000.*

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14 SECTION 8. The Office of Rural Advocacy and the Arkansas Rural  
15 Development Commission shall develop the necessary rules and regulations for  
16 the disbursement of the matching grants by the Center for Rural Arkansas.

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18 SECTION 9. There is hereby established on the books of the Treasurer of  
19 State, Auditor of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a fund to be  
20 known as the Center for Rural Arkansas Trust Fund. This fund shall consist of  
21 those funds that may be received from private, foundation and corporate  
22 sources and funds provided by the General Assembly to be used to finance the  
23 appropriation made by this Act for the Center for Rural Arkansas. The Office  
24 of Rural Advocacy shall only transfer the interest earnings from the fund  
25 annually to finance the appropriations made for its matching grant programs  
26 with the principal amount to remain in the fund.

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28 SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
29 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
30 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
31 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
32 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
33 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control  
34 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the  
35 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

1 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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12 SECTION 12. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and  
13 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the  
14 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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16 SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the  
17 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such  
18 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which  
19 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this  
20 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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22 SECTION 14. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict  
23 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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25 SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
26 Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas  
27 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that  
28 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of  
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
30 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
31 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the  
32 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
33 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
34 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
35 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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