

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

HOUSE BILL 2244

5 By: Representative L. Smith  
6 By: Senator Steele  
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE  
11 SERVICES TRAINING TRUST FUND; TO CREATE THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UNEMPLOYMENT  
13 INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES.  
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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE  
18 SERVICES TRAINING TRUST FUND AND THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES  
20 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION  
21 FUND.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 11 is amended  
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 19-5-1131. Department of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund.

29 (a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
30 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to  
31 be known as the "Department of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund".

32 (b)(1) This fund shall consist of the proceeds of the stabilization  
33 tax as specified in § 11-10-706(f), any interest accruing on these revenues,  
34 and any other funds made available by the General Assembly.

35 (2) The fund shall be used for worker training under rules and



1 regulations promulgated by the Director of the Department of Workforce  
2 Services.

3 (c) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services shall report  
4 to the Legislative Council on a quarterly basis on all uses of the fund.

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12 is amended  
7 to add an additional section to read as follows:

8 19-5-1230. Department of Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance  
9 Administration Fund.

10 (a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
11 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous  
12 fund to be known as the "Department of Workforce Services Unemployment  
13 Insurance Administration Fund".

14 (b)(1) This fund shall consist of the proceeds of the stabilization  
15 tax as specified in § 11-10-706(f), any interest accruing on these revenues,  
16 and any other funds made available by the General Assembly.

17 (2) The fund shall be used for operating expenses of the  
18 unemployment insurance program necessary to the proper administration of the  
19 Arkansas Employment Security Law, § 11-10-101 et seq., as determined by the  
20 Director of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services.

21 (c) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services shall report  
22 to the Legislative Council on a quarterly basis on all uses of the fund.

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 11-10-706(f), concerning the stabilization  
25 tax, is amended to read as follows:

26 (f)(1)(A) Provided, however, the proceeds of the stabilization tax in  
27 the amount of ~~five hundredths of one percent (0.05%)~~ two and one-half  
28 hundredths of one percent (.025%) of taxable wages collected during the  
29 period ~~January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002~~ July 1, 2007, through June  
30 30, 2011, shall be deposited and credited to the ~~Employment Security Special~~  
31 ~~Fund, § 19-5-984, as set out in § 11-10-716~~ Department of Workforce Services  
32 Training Trust Fund, there to be used for worker training.

33 (B) The total amount deposited to the Department of  
34 Workforce Services Training Trust Fund in any one (1) fiscal year shall not  
35 exceed two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000).

36 (2)(A) However, the proceeds of the stabilization tax in the

1 amount of two and one-half hundredths of one percent (.025%) of taxable wages  
2 collected during the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2011, shall be  
3 deposited and credited to the Department of Workforce Services Unemployment  
4 Insurance Administration Fund, there to be used for operating expenses of the  
5 unemployment insurance program necessary to the proper administration of §  
6 11-10-101 et seq., as determined by the Director of the Arkansas Department  
7 of Workforce Services.

8 (B) The total amount deposited to the Department of  
9 Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund in any one (1)  
10 fiscal year shall not exceed two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000).

11 (3) The Director of the ~~Arkansas Employment Security Department~~  
12 Arkansas Department of Workforce Services shall report to the State  
13 Employment Security Advisory Council and the Arkansas Legislative Council on  
14 a quarterly basis as to any and all uses of ~~these funds~~ the Department of  
15 Workforce Services Training Trust Fund and the Department of Workforce  
16 Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund.

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18 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
19 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the creation of the Department  
20 of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund and the Department of Workforce  
21 Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund is necessary for the  
22 development of the workforce of the State of Arkansas and for the proper  
23 administration of the Arkansas Employment Security Law; that any delays in  
24 implementing these funds could cause irreparable harm to the administration  
25 of those programs; and that this act is necessary to achieve the purposes of  
26 those funds. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
27 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
28 become effective on July 1, 2007.

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30 /s/ L. Smith

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32 APPROVED: 3/28/2007