

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.

Act 877 of the Regular Session

As Engrossed: H3/23/07

A Bill

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

HOUSE BILL 1528

5 By: Representative Rainey

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES - COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GRANTS. 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 Community Health Centers of Arkansas, Inc. Grants to provide primary medical, dental, mental health, pharmacy and preventive services targeted to the uninsured and underinsured Arkansans in the medically underserved areas in rural Arkansas, the sum of\$30,000,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS. The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently



1 administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural
2 Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the
3 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1
4 of this Act.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007
6 through June 30, 2009.

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8 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
9 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
10 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
11 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
14 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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18 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
19 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
20 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
21 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
22 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
23 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
24 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
25 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
29 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
32 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
33 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
34 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
35 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
36 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and

1 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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