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2 90th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 322

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5 By: Senator J. Woods
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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 GRANTS TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS FOR
11 PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
16 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER -
17 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS GENERAL
18 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
25 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and
26 Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the General
27 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for grants to
28 planning and development districts, for personal services and operating
29 expenses, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, maintenance
30 expenses, and parking lot renovations, resurfacing, and paving, the
31 following:

32 (A) for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in
33 a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

34 (B) for the North Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,
35 in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

36 (C) for the Northeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in



1 a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

2 (D) for the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in
3 a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

4 (E) for the Southwest Economic Development District of Arkansas, Inc.,
5 in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

6 (F) for the Western Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a
7 sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

8 (G) for the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,
9 in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

10 (H) for the Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a
11 sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

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13 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
14 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
15 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
16 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
17 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
18 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
19 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
20 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
21 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
22 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
23 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
24 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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32 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
33 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
34 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
35 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
36 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

1 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
2 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
3 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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5 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
11 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
12 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
13 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
14 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
15 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.
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18 **APPROVED: 03/16/2015**
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