

**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 1649 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2355

5 By: Representative T. Hutchinson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING  
11 OFFICER FOR STATE ASSISTANCE TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
12 IN BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
17 AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER  
18 - STATE ASSISTANCE TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
19 IN BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS GENERAL  
20 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - FIRE DEPARTMENTS - BENTON COUNTY. There is  
27 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -  
28 Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its  
29 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

- 30 (A) For state assistance to the Northeast Benton County Volunteer Fire  
31 Department, the sum of .....\$25,000.
- 32 (B) For state assistance to the Prairie Creek Volunteer Fire Department,  
33 the sum of .....\$25,000.
- 34 (C) For state assistance to the Rocky Branch Volunteer Fire Department,  
35 the sum of .....\$25,000.



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

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

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 21 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
 22 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
 23 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
 24 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
 25 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
 26 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
 27 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
 28 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 30 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 32 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
 33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of  
 34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 35 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
 36 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the

1 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
2 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
4 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.

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