

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.

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

As Engrossed: S3/5/07  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 614

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5 By: Senator Womack  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GRANTS AND AID; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
16 SERVICES - GRANTS AND AID GENERAL  
17 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - GRANTS AND AID. There is hereby appropriated,  
23 to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General  
24 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

25 (A) For grants and aid as administered by the Arkansas Department of Rural  
26 Services, the sum of .....\$10,000,000.  
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28 *SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE*  
29 *NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS. The*  
30 *grants authorized in Section 1 of this Act shall not be restricted by*  
31 *requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently*  
32 *administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural*  
33 *Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the*  
34 *General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1*  
35 *of this Act.*

36 *The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007*



1 through June 30, 2009.

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

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

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

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31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
33 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
36 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective

1 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
2 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
3 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
4 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
5 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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