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A Bill

SENATE BILL 528

5 By: Senator Holland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

24 (A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
25 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,
26 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with
27 the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical
28 services and emergency management programs, in a sum not to exceed
29\$300,000.

30 (B) for community improvement grants to counties, for operating,
31 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
32 associated with county fairs and rodeos, in a sum not to exceed
33\$250,000.

34 (C) for grants to Arkansas' Boys and Girls Clubs for operating,
35 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
36 associated with providing youth program activities, in a sum not to exceed



1\$250,000.

2 (D) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
3 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for fire protection,
4 operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance
5 expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials,
6 parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, and cemeteries, in a sum not to
7 exceed.....\$300,000.

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9 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

11 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
12 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
13 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
14 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
15 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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17 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
18 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
19 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
20 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
21 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
22 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
23 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
24 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
25 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
26 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
27 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
28 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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1 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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10 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
12 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.
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