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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1601

5 By: Representative Baird
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 RURAL SERVICES FOR GRANTS FOR OPERATING,
10 CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, EQUIPMENT, RENOVATION AND
11 MAINTENANCE EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL
15 SERVICES - GRANTS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
16 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. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/FACILITIES. There is
23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from
24 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
25 following:

26 (A) for grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or
27 other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment,
28 renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings,
29 community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, and
30 cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed.....\$30,000,000.

31 (B) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
32 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for fire protection,
33 operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance
34 expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, and memorials,
35 parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, and cemeteries, in a sum not to
36 exceed.....\$30,000,000.



1 (C) for community improvement grants to counties, for operating,
2 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
3 associated with county fairs and rodeos, in a sum not to exceed
4\$30,000,000.
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6 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

13 No less than thirty (30) days prior to the distribution of any funds
14 appropriated by this act, the director of the agency shall notify the Speaker
15 of the House of Representatives of the name and address of each recipient and
16 the amount that is being distributed to each recipient.
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18 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
19 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
20 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
21 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
22 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
23 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
24 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
25 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
26 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
27 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
28 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
29 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

30 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
31 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
32 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
33 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
34 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
35 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided 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, 2013 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, 2013 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, 2013.
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