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A Bill

SENATE BILL 684

5 By: Senators B. Sample, *Caldwell*
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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 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

25 (A) for grants to Arkansas' Boys and Girls Clubs for operating,
26 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
27 associated with providing youth program activities, in a sum not to exceed
28\$200,000.

29 (B) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
30 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,
31 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with
32 the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical
33 services and emergency management programs, in a sum not to exceed
34\$200,000.
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36 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. There is hereby



1 *appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the*
2 *General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the*
3 *following:*

4 *(A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions*
5 *thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,*
6 *improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with*
7 *public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters,*
8 *recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed*
9 *.....\$1,000,000.*

11 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

19 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
20 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
21 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
22 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
23 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
24 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
25 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
26 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
27 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
28 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
29 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
30 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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2 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
3 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
4 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
5 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
6 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
7 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
8 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
9 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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11 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
12 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
13 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
16 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
17 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
18 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
19 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
20 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
21 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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23 /s/B. Sample
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