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A Bill

SENATE BILL 344

5 By: Senator J. Cooper
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR
10 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
15 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER -
16 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS GENERAL
17 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
24 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and
25 Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the General
26 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for grants to
27 planning and development districts, the following:

28 (A) for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in
29 a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

30 (B) for the North Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,
31 in a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

32 (C) for the Northeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in
33 a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

34 (D) for the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in
35 a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

36 (E) for the Southwest Economic Development District of Arkansas, Inc.,



1 in a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

2 (F) for the Western Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a
3 sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

4 (G) for the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,
5 in a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

6 (H) for the Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a
7 sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.

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

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36 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
2 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
3 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
4 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
5 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
6 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
7 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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9 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
11 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.
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