

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 922

"THE RURAL AND DELTA DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2001, REGARDING THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 922.

Amend Senate Bill No. 922 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 12, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
ECONOMIC, AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS PROGRAMS IN OTHER STATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 14 through 16, and substitute the following

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A STUDY OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
PROGRAMS."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 21 through 22, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Findings.

(a) The State of Arkansas administers the Community Development Block
Grants program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
Development.

(b) The State of Arkansas is among the only states in the country
without an open and competitive process regarding the expenditure of these
funds for county and city governments.

(c) The Community Development Block Grants program is intended to
benefit poor and rural areas of the United States, including the Delta region
and other impoverished areas of Arkansas.

(d) Many poor, rural and impoverished areas in Arkansas and the Delta
region have been unable to compete for the Community Development Block Grants
program funds in a fair and equitable fashion.

SECTION 2. Study and Report.

(a) Prior to the submission of the annual extension report and
consolidated plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban

Development, the Senate Interim Committee on Agriculture, Economic, and Industrial Development and House Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development shall study how other states implement Community Development Block Grants programs to ensure fair and equitable competition to poor and rural communities.

(b) The Senate Interim Committee on Agriculture, Economic, and Industrial Development and House Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development shall report their study findings to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, and make recommendations to the Eighty-Fourth General Assembly."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator K. Smith

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