

1 **State of Arkansas**
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A Bill

SENATE BILL

4 **By: Senators Gordon, Bradford and Fitch**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FUN (FACILITIES FOR
9 UNDERDEVELOPED NEIGHBORHOODS) PARK GRANTS PROGRAM FOR
10 SMALL COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AREAS WITH POPULATIONS OF LESS
11 THAN 2,500 PERSONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The General Assembly recognizes outdoor
16 recreation as an important element to the quality of life in Arkansas.
17 Outdoor recreation is interlocked to the emotional and economic well being of
18 the state's citizens. Therefore, it is the desire of the General Assembly to
19 establish a new outdoor grants program that shall assist small communities and
20 rural areas of Arkansas with outdoor recreational facilities.

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22 SECTION 2. ELEMENTS OF THE GRANTS PROGRAM. There is hereby established
23 the FUN Parks Grants Program to be administered by the Arkansas Department of
24 Parks and Tourism. The purpose of the FUN Parks Program is to provide basic
25 outdoor recreation facilities including baseball and softball fields,
26 basketball courts, picnic tables and pavilions, and playground equipment to
27 residents of small Arkansas communities. The goal of this program is to build
28 200 new outdoor parks statewide in communities of 2,500 or less as established
29 by the 1990 census. Up to 50 new FUN parks may be constructed each year in
30 each of the next four (4) years at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each
31 FUN park.

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33 SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION. The Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
34 is herein authorized to promulgate procedures, rules, guidelines, or
35 regulations necessary for the administration of the FUN Park Grants Program.

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SECTION 4. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

