

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 331

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE, COUNTIES,  
10 MUNICIPALITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN A  
11 BLANKET SURETY BOND PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR  
13 THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2001; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

16 "AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
17 AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER  
18 - BLANKET SURETY BOND PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
19 FOR THE 1999-2001 BIENNIUM. "  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND PROGRAM. There is  
26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -  
27 Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for  
28 payment of blanket surety bond premiums for the State of Arkansas for the  
29 biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:  
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| ITEM                      | FISCAL YEARS      |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                           | 1999-2000         | 2000-2001         |
| NO.                       |                   |                   |
| (01) SURETY BOND PREMIUMS | \$ <u>250,000</u> | \$ <u>250,000</u> |

35 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND PROGRAM. There is  
36 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -

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1 Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the County Aid Fund, for payment of  
 2 blanket surety bond premiums for those counties participating in the County  
 3 Public Employee Blanket Bond Program for the biennial period ending June 30,  
 4 2001, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.               | FISCAL YEARS      |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                           | 1999-2000         | 2000-2001         |
| (01) SURETY BOND PREMIUMS | \$ <u>250,000</u> | \$ <u>250,000</u> |

10 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND PROGRAM. There  
 11 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -  
 12 Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Municipal Aid Fund, for payment of  
 13 blanket surety bond premiums for those municipalities participating in the  
 14 Municipal Public Employees Blanket Bond Program for the biennial period ending  
 15 June 30, 2001, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.               | FISCAL YEARS      |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                           | 1999-2000         | 2000-2001         |
| (01) SURETY BOND PREMIUMS | \$ <u>250,000</u> | \$ <u>250,000</u> |

21 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BLANKET BOND PROGRAM.  
 22 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration  
 23 - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Public School Fund, for payment  
 24 of blanket surety bond premiums for those school districts participating in  
 25 the Public School Employees Program for the biennial period ending June 30,  
 26 2001, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.               | FISCAL YEARS      |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                           | 1999-2000         | 2000-2001         |
| (01) SURETY BOND PREMIUMS | \$ <u>250,000</u> | \$ <u>250,000</u> |

32 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
 33 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DFA/BONDS-  
 34 BILLING PROCEDURES. The State Risk Manager of the Department of Insurance  
 35 shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a separate  
 36 billing certification of the costs of blanket bond surety premiums for the

1 State of Arkansas and for the Counties, Municipalities, and Public School  
2 Districts participating in the blanket surety bond program for public  
3 employees. Upon receipt of such billing certification, the disbursing officer  
4 of the Department of Finance and Administration shall prepare a voucher for  
5 paying the surety bond premium and attaching thereto a copy of the billing  
6 certification received from the State Risk Manager. The Department of Finance  
7 and Administration shall forward a copy of the voucher and supporting  
8 documentation for payment of County and Municipal Public Employee Blanket Bond  
9 Surety Premiums to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall withhold  
10 from the General Revenue Turnback of the County Aid Fund and the Municipal Aid  
11 Fund the respective amount of surety bond premiums for each political  
12 jurisdiction participating in the County or Municipal Public Employee Blanket  
13 Bond Program. The Department of Finance and Administration shall forward a  
14 copy of the voucher and supporting documentation for payment of Public School  
15 Employee Blanket Bond Surety Premiums to the Department of Education. The  
16 Department of Education shall withhold from the Public School Fund monies  
17 accruing to the benefit of each school district participating in the Public  
18 School Employees Blanket Bond Program the respective costs for each school  
19 districts' bond surety premium. All state agencies, boards, commissions and  
20 institutions of higher education shall reimburse the Miscellaneous Revolving  
21 Fund, in such amounts as may be determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
22 State, for payments of blanket bond surety premiums as provided in Section 1  
23 of this Act, by a fund transfer or warrant made payable from the fund from  
24 which each state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education  
25 receives its financial support.

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27 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by  
28 this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made  
29 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions  
30 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures  
31 Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and  
32 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this  
33 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of  
34 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied  
35 with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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10 SECTION 8. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent  
11 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
12 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or the application  
15 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall  
16 not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given  
17 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
18 provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 10. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with  
21 this act are hereby repealed.

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23 SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
24 Eighty-second General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas  
25 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that  
26 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1999 is essential to the operation of  
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
28 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
29 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1999 could work irreparable harm upon the  
30 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
31 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
32 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
33 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1999.