

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

As Engrossed: S2/17/99 S2/18/99 S2/19/99

2 82nd General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 1999

SENATE BILL 339

5 *By: Joint Budget Committee*

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY FOR GRANTS TO COUNTY FAIRS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW OR REPLACEMENT BUILDINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

"AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY - COUNTY FAIR GRANTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION. "

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY FAIR CONSTRUCTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Rural Advocacy, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for matching grants to county fairs for construction of new or replacement buildings for each year of the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the sum\$300,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY FAIR GRANTS. The Office of Rural Advocacy shall develop the necessary rules and regulations for the disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for the construction of new or replacement buildings. The grants shall be matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county fair shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor

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1 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
2 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
3 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
4 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
5 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
6 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
7 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
8 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
9 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
10 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
11 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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28 SECTION 5. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
29 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
30 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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32 SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or the application
33 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall
34 not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given
35 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
36 provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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SECTION 7. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eighty-second General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1999 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1999 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1999.

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