

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

As Engrossed: S1/20/99 S3/9/99

A Bill

SENATE BILL 82

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

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9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICE OF RURAL
11 ADVOCACY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2001;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1999-2001
17 BIENNIUM. "

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Office of
23 Rural Advocacy for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of
24 regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the
25 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et
26 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,
27 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein
28 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification
29 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
30 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
31 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.
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		Maximum Annual		
		Maximum	Salary Rate	
Item Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
No.	Code Title	Employees	1999-2000	2000-2001

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1	(1)	7077	DIRECTOR OF RURAL ADVOCACY	1	\$62,724	\$64,480
2	(2)	R199	ASST DIR OF RURAL ADVOCACY	1		GRADE 22
3	(3)	R168	GRANTS COORDINATOR II	2		GRADE 19
4	(4)	R009	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	<u>1</u>		GRADE 15
5			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Office of Rural Advocacy for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Rural Advocacy, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Rural Advocacy for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
<u>NO.</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 157,737	\$ 162,153
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,400	5,400
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	49,174	50,086
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	78,483	78,483
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,100	10,100
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,000	4,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
(05) RURAL COMMUNITY DEV GRANTS	300,000	300,000
(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 904,894</u>	<u>\$ 910,222</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Rural Advocacy, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas

1 Code 19-4-801 of the Office of Rural Advocacy, for conference expenses of the
 2 Office of Rural Advocacy for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the
 3 following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
6 NO.	1999-2000	2000-2001
7 (01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	\$ <u>40,000</u>	\$ <u>40,000</u>

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 9 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
 10 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT AWARD
 11 CRITERIA. The Office of Rural Advocacy shall promulgate regulations
 12 establishing the criteria to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be
 13 made under this Act. Subject to the approval of the Governor, and after prior
 14 review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the
 15 Office of Rural Advocacy shall distribute the grants.

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 17 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
 18 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CENTER FOR
 19 RURAL ARKANSAS MATCHING GRANTS. The Office of Rural Advocacy and the Arkansas
 20 Rural Development Commission shall develop the necessary rules and regulations
 21 for the disbursement of the matching grants by the Center for Rural Arkansas.

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 23 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
 24 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CENTER FOR RURAL
 25 ARKANSAS TRUST FUND. There is hereby established on the books of the Treasurer
 26 of State, Auditor of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a fund to
 27 be known as the Center for Rural Arkansas Trust Fund. This fund shall consist
 28 of those funds that may be received from private, foundation and corporate
 29 sources and funds provided by the General Assembly to be used to finance the
 30 appropriation made by this Act for the Center for Rural Arkansas. The Office
 31 of Rural Advocacy shall only transfer the interest earnings from the fund
 32 annually to finance the appropriations made for its matching grant programs
 33 with the principal amount to remain in the fund.

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 35 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by
 36 this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made

1 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
2 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
3 Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and
4 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this
5 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
6 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
7 with in disbursement of said funds.

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9 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
10 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
11 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
12 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
13 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
14 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
15 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
16 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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22 SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or the application
23 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall
24 not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given
25 effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
26 provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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28 SECTION 12. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with
29 this act are hereby repealed.

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31 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
32 Eighty-second General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
33 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that
34 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1999 is essential to the operation of
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
36 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective

1 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1999 could work irreparable harm upon the
2 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
3 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
4 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
5 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1999.

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7 /s/ Gwatney
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