

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 12

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO BROADEN THE LIST OF NATURAL DISASTERS  
10 THAT QUALIFY FOR STATE AID FUND RELIEF TO REPAIR  
11 DAMAGE TO COUNTY ROADS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 THAT QUALIFY FOR STATE AID FUND RELIEF  
15 TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO COUNTY ROADS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-72-314 is amended to read as follows:  
22 27-72-314. Disaster counties.

23 (a)(1) It is the intent and purpose of this section to make available  
24 moneys in the State Aid Road Fund to the credit of disaster counties to be  
25 used to restore and repair county bridges or roads which are destroyed or  
26 which have suffered extensive damage as a result of tornadoes, heavy  
27 rainfall, ~~or~~ flooding conditions, or other natural disasters and to provide,  
28 together with county funds, the necessary matching moneys required to enable  
29 the disaster counties to obtain federal disaster relief funds for such  
30 projects.

31 (2) Only counties designated by the appropriate federal or state  
32 official as disaster counties for public assistance shall be authorized to  
33 use moneys in the State Aid Road Fund under the matching provisions and for  
34 the purposes set forth in this section.

35 (3) All other moneys deposited in the State Aid Road Fund shall  
36 be used solely on the matching basis and for the purposes set forth in §§ 27-



1 72-301, 27-72-305, 27-72-312, 27-72-313, and 27-72-315.

2 (b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 27-72-301, 27-72-305, 27-  
3 72-312, 27-72-313, and 27-72-315, a county that has been determined by the  
4 appropriate federal or state official as being a disaster county for public  
5 assistance due to the tornadoes, excessive rainfall, ~~and~~ flooding conditions,  
6 and other natural disasters shall be eligible to receive state aid road funds  
7 credited to the account of the disaster county on a ninety percent (90%)  
8 state aid road funds to not less than ten percent (10%) county matching fund  
9 basis.

10 (2) Funds distributed to a disaster county under the special  
11 matching provisions of this subsection shall be used solely for the  
12 restoration or repair of county bridges or roads destroyed or which suffered  
13 extensive damage as a result of tornadoes, heavy rainfall, ~~or~~ flooding  
14 conditions, or other natural disasters, regardless of whether the roads or  
15 bridges are a part of the state aid system of county roads.

16 (c) In addition to the uses provided for in subsection (b) of this  
17 section, funds distributed to a disaster county under the matching provisions  
18 of this section may be used to provide the necessary matching funds required  
19 to match federal disaster relief funds available for the restoration or  
20 repair of county bridges or roads which are destroyed or extensively damaged  
21 as a result of tornadoes, heavy rainfall, ~~or~~ flooding conditions, or other  
22 natural disasters, regardless of whether the roads or bridges are a part of  
23 the state aid system of county roads.

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