

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2880

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5 By: Representative Dangeau
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF TEMPORARY
10 ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO
11 THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF
16 TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES
17 BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE CHILD CARE
18 DEVELOPMENT FUND.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED
24 SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL OR TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF TEMPORARY
25 ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT
26 FUND.

27 (a)(1) For the 2005-2007 biennium, the Department of Human Services,
28 Division of County Operations shall transfer a total of thirty million
29 (\$30,000,000) or twenty-five (25%) percent, whichever amount is less, of the
30 state's federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant to the
31 Child Care Development Fund.

32 (2) The funds to be administered by the Division of Child Care
33 and Early Childhood Education shall be used to provide subsidized child care
34 and preschool education for transitional employment assistance qualifying
35 families and other low-income families.

36 (3) Fifty percent (50%) of this transfer shall be used to



1 provide quality preschool education for at-risk three- and four-year olds
2 under the Arkansas Better Chance and Arkansas Better Chance for School
3 Success programs.

4 (b)(1) The amounts to be transferred shall be contingent upon the
5 continuation of base-level Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funding
6 from the federal government and the state match for Temporary Assistance to
7 Needy Families funding.

8 (2) If the state match for the Temporary Assistance to Needy
9 Families grant or the state’s Temporary Assistance to Needy Families grant is
10 reduced, the amount to be transferred may be adjusted in proportion to the
11 percentage change in the state match or the state’s Temporary Assistance to
12 Needy Families grant.

13 (3) The amount to be transferred may also be reduced
14 proportionately if new cost requirements are imposed upon the state as a
15 result of new or revised Temporary Assistance to Needy Families regulations
16 at the federal level.

17 (c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1,2005
18 through June 30, 2007.

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20 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
21 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that early childhood education
22 programs are in need of funding; that such funding is necessary for the 2005-
23 2006 fiscal year; and that this act is immediately necessary because the
24 fiscal year begins July 1, 2005. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
25 exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace,
26 health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.