

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

HOUSE BILL 2244

5 By: Representative L. Smith
6 By: Senator Steele
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE
11 SERVICES TRAINING TRUST FUND; TO CREATE THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UNEMPLOYMENT
13 INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE
17 SERVICES TRAINING TRUST FUND AND THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
19 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION
20 FUND.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 11 is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 19-5-1131. Department of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund.

29 (a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
30 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to
31 be known as the "Department of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund".

32 (b)(1) This fund shall consist of the proceeds of one-fortieth of one
33 percent (.025%) of the stabilization tax under § 11-10-706(f), any interest
34 accruing on these revenues, and any other funds made available by the General
35 Assembly.

36 (2) The fund shall be used for worker training under rules and



1 regulations promulgated by the Director of the Department of Workforce
 2 Services.

3 (c) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services shall report
 4 to the Legislative Council on a quarterly basis on all uses of the fund.

6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12 is amended
 7 to add an additional section to read as follows:

8 19-5-1230. Department of Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance
 9 Administration Fund.

10 (a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
 11 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous
 12 fund to be known as the "Department of Workforce Services Unemployment
 13 Insurance Administration Fund".

14 (b)(1) This fund shall consist of the proceeds of the one-fortieth of
 15 one percent (.025%) of the stabilization tax under § 11-10-706(f), any
 16 interest accruing on these revenues, and any other funds made available by
 17 the General Assembly.

18 (2) The fund shall be used for operating expenses of the
 19 unemployment insurance program necessary to the proper administration of the
 20 Arkansas Employment Security Law, § 11-10-101 et seq., as determined by the
 21 Director of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services.

22 (c) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services shall report
 23 to the Legislative Council on a quarterly basis on all uses of the fund.

25 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 11-10-706(f), concerning the stabilization
 26 tax, is amended to read as follows:

27 (f)(1)(A) Provided, however, the proceeds of the stabilization tax in
 28 the amount of ~~five hundredths of one percent (0.05%)~~ two and one-half
 29 hundredths of one percent (.025%) of taxable wages collected during the
 30 period ~~January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002~~ July 1, 2007, through June
 31 30, 2011, shall be deposited and credited to the ~~Employment Security Special~~
 32 Fund, § 19-5-984, as set out in § 11-10-716 Department of Workforce Services
 33 Training Trust Fund, there to be used for worker training.

34 (B) The total amount deposited to the Department of
 35 Workforce Services Training Trust Fund in any one (1) fiscal year shall not
 36 exceed two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000).

1 (2)(A) However, the proceeds of the stabilization tax in the
2 amount of two and one-half hundredths of one percent (.025%) of taxable wages
3 collected during the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2011, shall be
4 deposited and credited to the Department of Workforce Services Unemployment
5 Insurance Administration Fund, there to be used for operating expenses of the
6 unemployment insurance program necessary to the proper administration of §
7 11-10-101 et seq., as determined by the Director of the Arkansas Department
8 of Workforce Services.

9 (B) The total amount deposited to the Department of
10 Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund in any one (1)
11 fiscal year shall not exceed two and one-half million dollars (\$2,500,000).

12 (3) ~~The Director of the Arkansas Employment Security Department~~
13 Arkansas Department of Workforce Services shall report to the State
14 Employment Security Advisory Council and the Arkansas Legislative Council on
15 a quarterly basis as to any and all uses of these funds the Department of
16 Workforce Services Training Trust Fund and the Department of Workforce
17 Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund.

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19 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
20 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the creation of the Department
21 of Workforce Services Training Trust Fund and the Department of Workforce
22 Services Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund is necessary for the
23 development of the workforce of the State of Arkansas and for the proper
24 administration of the Arkansas Employment Security Law; that any delays in
25 implementing these funds could cause irreparable harm to the administration
26 of those programs; and that this act is necessary to achieve the purposes of
27 those funds. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
28 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
29 become effective on July 1, 2007.