

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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9 **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.
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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE
18 SERVICES TRAINING TRUST FUND AND THE
19 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
20 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION
21 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 the stabilization
33 tax as specified in § 11-10-706(f), any interest accruing on these revenues,
34 and any other funds made available by the General Assembly.

35 (2) The fund shall be used for worker training under rules and
36 regulations promulgated by the Director of the Department of Workforce



1 Services.

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

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

7 19-5-1230. Department of Workforce Services Unemployment Insurance
8 Administration Fund.

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

13 (b)(1) This fund shall consist of the proceeds of the stabilization
14 tax as specified in § 11-10-706(f), any interest accruing on these revenues,
15 and any other funds made available by the General Assembly.

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

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

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

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

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

35 (2)(A) However, the proceeds of the stabilization tax in the
36 amount of two and one-half hundredths of one percent (.025%) of taxable wages

1 collected during the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2011, shall be
2 deposited and credited to the Department of Workforce Services Unemployment
3 Insurance Administration Fund, there to be used for operating expenses of the
4 unemployment insurance program necessary to the proper administration of §
5 11-10-101 et seq., as determined by the Director of the Arkansas Department
6 of Workforce Services.

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

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

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

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29 /s/ L. Smith
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