

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 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 486

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5 By: Senator Bryles  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR RURAL SERVICES BLOCK  
11 GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
16 SERVICES - RURAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS  
17 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - BLOCK GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated,  
23 to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General  
24 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

25 (A) For Rural Services Block Grants, the sum of .....\$500,000.  
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27 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
28 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
29 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
30 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
31 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
32 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
33 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
34 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
35 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
36 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General



1 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
2 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

3 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
4 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
5 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
6 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
7 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
8 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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10 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
11 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
12 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
13 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
14 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
16 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
17 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
20 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
21 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
23 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
24 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
25 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
26 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
27 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
28 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
29 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.