

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 760

5 By: Senator Whitaker
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GRANTS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE
11 DEPARTMENTS, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND EMERGENCY
12 MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ENTITIES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL
17 SERVICES - GRANTS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE
18 DEPARTMENTS, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND
19 EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ENTITIES
20 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
27 Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund
28 or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

29 (A) For sole purpose of grants of no less than ten thousand dollars
30 (\$10,000) each to fire departments, search and rescue, and medical technician
31 entities, the sum of\$100,000.

32 (B) For providing grants to senior citizens centers, the sum of.....
33\$100,000.

34 (C) For providing community grants for improvements, additions, lighting,
35 and equipment, the sum of.....\$25,000.
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1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS.
3 The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by
4 local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching
5 requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently
6 administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural
7 Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the
8 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1
9 of this Act.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007
11 through June 30, 2009.

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13 SECTION 3. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as Senate
14 Bill 833 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for the sole purpose
15 of grants of no less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) each to fire
16 departments, search and rescue, and medical technician entities in Crawford
17 County, Franklin County and Washington county (Winslow and Morrow), providing
18 grants to senior citizens centers in Crawford County, Franklin County and
19 Washington County (Winslow and Morrow) and for providing community grants to
20 the Uniontown area for improvements, additions, lighting and equipment shall
21 instead be deemed to be for the sole purpose of grants of no less than ten
22 thousand dollars (\$10,000) each to fire departments, search and rescue, and
23 medical technician entities, and for providing grants to senior citizens
24 centers and for providing community grants for improvements, additions,
25 lighting and equipment.

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27 SECTION 4. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as House Bill
28 2501 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for the sole purpose of
29 grants of no less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) each to fire
30 departments, search and rescue, and medical technician entities in Crawford
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1 medical technician entities, and for providing grants to senior citizens
2 centers and for providing community grants for improvements, additions,
3 lighting and equipment.
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5 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
6 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
7 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
8 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
9 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
10 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
11 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
12 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
13 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
14 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
15 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
16 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

17 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
18 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
19 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
20 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
21 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
22 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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24 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
25 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
26 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
27 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
28 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
30 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
31 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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33 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
35 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
3 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
4 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
5 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
6 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
7 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

8 */s/ Whitaker*

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