

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 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1720

5 By: Representative Maloch
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS TO
10 FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
11 AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
17 AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
18 - GRANTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL
20 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS. There is hereby
27 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing
28 Officer, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
29 fund or fund accounts, the following:

30 (A) For grants to fire departments, the sum of\$5,000,000.
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32 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FIRE
34 DEPARTMENT GRANT ALLOCATION AND UTILIZATION. The Department of Finance and
35 Administration shall distribute the fire department grants appropriation and
36 funds authorized by this act, or so much thereof as is available, to each



1 county based on the percentages as prescribed in Arkansas Code 14-284-403.
2 The fire department grants authorized by this act may be used by the fire
3 departments for maintenance and general operations, fire fighting training
4 expenses, purchase of fire fighting equipment, and other expenses necessary
5 to provide fire fighting protection.

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7 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
8 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
9 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
10 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
11 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
12 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
13 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
14 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
15 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
16 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
17 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
18 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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26 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
27 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
28 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
29 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
30 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
31 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
32 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
33 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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