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HOUSE BILL 1610

5 By: Representative Baird
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS TO FIRE
9 DEPARTMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
10 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR GENERAL
11 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
15 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER -
16 GRANTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS GENERAL
17 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS. There is hereby
24 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing
25 Officer, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
26 fund or fund accounts, the following:

27 (A) for grants to fire departments, in a sum not to exceed
28\$30,000,000.
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30 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FIRE
32 DEPARTMENT GRANT ALLOCATION AND UTILIZATION. The Department of Finance and
33 Administration shall distribute the fire department grants appropriation and
34 funds authorized by this act, or so much thereof as is available, to each
35 county based on the percentages as prescribed in Arkansas Code 14-284-403.
36 The fire department grants authorized by this act may be used by the fire



1 departments for maintenance and general operations, fire fighting training
2 expenses, purchase of firefighting equipment and other expenses necessary to
3 provide fire fighting protection. Notwithstanding any other provision of law
4 to the contrary regarding the distribution of funds, any funds distributed to
5 Pulaski County Fire Departments as authorized in Section 1 of this Act shall
6 be distributed solely based on a per capita basis.

7 No less than thirty (30) days prior to the distribution of any funds
8 appropriated by this act, the director of the agency shall notify the Speaker
9 of the House of Representatives of the name and address of each recipient and
10 the amount that is being distributed to each recipient.

11 The Fire Departments receiving grants authorized by this act are not
12 subject to meeting the requirements or other criteria that may be required of
13 fire departments under the provisions of Act 833 of 1991, as amended, or
14 Arkansas Code 14-284-401 through 14-284-411.

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16 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
17 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
18 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
19 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
20 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
21 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
22 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
23 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
24 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
25 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
26 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
27 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

28 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
29 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
30 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
31 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
32 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
33 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
34 otherwise by law.

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36 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 2 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 3 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 4 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 5 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 6 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 7 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 9 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 11 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
 13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
 16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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