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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 854

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 281 OF 2012 CONCERNING THE STATE  
9 ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUND; TO DECLARE AN  
10 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND ACT 281 OF 2012 CONCERNING THE  
15 STATE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUND; AND  
16 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Distribution of funds in the State  
22 Administration of Justice Fund. Uncodified Section 59 of Act 281 of 2012,  
23 concerning an appropriation to the Department of Finance and Administration  
24 for the State Administration of Justice Fund, is amended to read as follows:

25 SECTION 59. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
27 DISTRIBUTION OF ~~ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUNDS~~ IN THE STATE ADMINISTRATION  
28 OF JUSTICE FUND.

29 (a)(1) In the event that ~~In the event that~~ If the fund balance in the State  
30 Administration of Justice Fund is inadequate to fund the monthly allocation  
31 to ~~State Agencies, the funds will be distributed as follows~~ state agencies,  
32 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may:

33 (A) Before making any other distribution from the fund, fully  
34 fund allocations for salaries and personnel services matching costs of the  
35 trial court administrative assistants and court reporters; and

36 (B)(i) All Fund all remaining monthly allocations to ~~State~~



1 ~~Agencies will be funded~~ state agencies in the percentage of the total funds  
2 available in the ~~Administration of Justice Fund, fund,~~ that is, if less than  
3 ~~100%~~ one hundred percent (100%) of the total monthly allocation is available  
4 for distribution, all monthly allocations to ~~State Agencies~~ state agencies  
5 will be funded at an equal percentage consistent with the available funds,  
6 provided that any of the allocations listed in Section 60 of Act 281 of 2012  
7 that have been fully pledged ~~prior to~~ before January 1, 2001, to the  
8 repayment of a bond issue or bond issues shall not be reduced below the  
9 amount listed in Section 60 of Act 281 of 2012.

10 (ii) Any shortage from one (1) month will be  
11 adjusted in future months' payments as funds become available.

12 (2) If less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total monthly  
13 allocation is available for distribution, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
14 State may reduce the obligations for the agencies' appropriations from the  
15 State Central Services Fund that receive support from the Administration of  
16 Justice Fund on a pro rata basis.

17 (b) ~~The provisions of this~~ This section shall be in effect only is  
18 effective from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

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20 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
21 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current process for the  
22 payment of salaries for trial court administrative assistants and court  
23 reporters is inadequate to provide the necessary funding to meet current  
24 payroll requirements; that the payment of salaries to ensure the  
25 uninterrupted service of trial court administrative assistants and court  
26 reporters is essential to the administration of justice and the judicial  
27 system; and that this act is immediately necessary to provide the Chief  
28 Fiscal Officer of the State with the authority to provide for the payments.  
29 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately  
30 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
31 become effective on:

32 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

33 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
34 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
35 bill; or

36 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is

1 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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