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A Bill

SENATE BILL 731

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF TRUST
9 FUND AND THE MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF CHECK-OFF
10 PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
11 GUARD AND RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES WITH
12 EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; TO DECLARE AN
13 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 TRUST FUND AND THE MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF
19 CHECK-OFF PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF
20 THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE WITH
21 EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO
22 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1127(b)(1), concerning all moneys
28 collected for the Military Family Relief Trust Fund, is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 (b)(1) All moneys collected under ~~§§ 26-35-1302 and 26-35-1303~~
31 § 26-51-2506 shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the
32 fund.
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1127(c), concerning use of moneys for
35 assistance to members and families of members of the Arkansas National Guard
36 and the reserve components of the armed forces from the Military Family



1 Relief Trust Fund, is amended to read as follows:

2 (c) The fund shall be used exclusively by the Adjutant General or his
3 or her designee to assist members and ~~the~~ families of members of the Arkansas
4 National Guard and reserve components of the armed forces ~~who serve on active~~
5 ~~duty for a minimum of thirty (30) days as a result of September 11, 2001.~~

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7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1127(d), concerning the administration
8 of the Military Family Relief Trust Fund, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) The Treasurer of State shall credit to the fund the amount
10 certified each quarter in accordance with ~~§ 26-35-1303~~ § 26-51-2506.

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12 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 26-51-2506(i)(2)(A), concerning the
13 administration and issuance of funds to members and families of members of
14 the Arkansas National Guard and the reserve components of the armed forces
15 pursuant to the Military Family Relief Check-Off Program, is amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (2)(A) The grant program created under this section shall
18 assist members and ~~the~~ families of members of the Arkansas National Guard and
19 the reserve components of the armed forces ~~who serve on active duty for a~~
20 ~~minimum of thirty (30) days as a result of September 11, 2001.~~

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22 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
23 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas National Guard
24 members risk their lives to protect and defend our country; that the Military
25 Family Relief Trust Fund and the Military Family Relief Check-Off Program
26 were created to provide short term emergency financial assistance in the form
27 of grants to members and their families; that the fund provides a valuable
28 means to assist and improve morale and welfare of members of the Arkansas
29 National Guard and reserve components of the armed forces, and that there is
30 a need to modify the Military Family Relief Fund and the Military Family
31 Relief Check-Off Program because there are members and their families in
32 current circumstances beyond the control of the members who require
33 assistance that is not currently available from any other reasonable source,
34 and if assistance is not made available, irreparable harm will result.
35 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
36 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall

1 become effective on:

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

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

6 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
7 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.