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2 91st General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1791

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5 By: Representative Tucker

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FOOD PANTRY MATCHING GRANT  
9 PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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14 TO ESTABLISH A FOOD PANTRY MATCHING GRANT  
15 PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended  
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-60-111. Food Pantry Matching Grant Program.

24 (a) There is created the Food Pantry Matching Grant Program to be  
25 administered by the Department of Higher Education.

26 (b) If funds are available, the Department of Higher Education shall  
27 issue matching grants to participating state-supported institutions of higher  
28 education.

29 (c) Each grant issued under this section:

30 (1) Shall be:

31 (A) Matched dollar for dollar by each participating state-  
32 supported institution of higher education; and

33 (B) Used exclusively for costs incurred to establish a new  
34 food pantry at a state-supported institutions of higher education; and

35 (2) Shall not:

36 (A) Exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000); and



1                   (B) Be used for ongoing operating expenses of a food  
2 pantry.

3           (d) The department shall monitor the dollar for dollar matching  
4 requirement to ensure it has been met before the department disburses grant  
5 funds under this section.

6           (e) A food pantry may enter into agreements with existing food banks  
7 to procure food supplies for distribution.

8           (f) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

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