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## A Bill

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SENATE BILL 268

By: Senators D. Wallace, J. Payton, *A. Clark*

By: Representative Cavanaugh

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GENERAL  
REVENUE FUND ACCOUNT; TO TRANSFER GENERAL REVENUE TO  
THE AGING AND ADULT SERVICES FUND ACCOUNT TO BE USED  
FOR FOOD SERVICES BENEFITING THE ELDERLY; TO DECLARE  
AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO TRANSFER GENERAL REVENUE TO THE AGING  
AND ADULT SERVICES FUND ACCOUNT TO BE  
USED FOR FOOD SERVICES BENEFITING THE  
ELDERLY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-5-406(c), concerning the transfer of  
remaining revenues under the Revenue Stabilization Law, is amended to read as  
follows:

(c)(1) After the distributions under subsections (a) and (b) of this  
section, an amount not to exceed seven million dollars (\$7,000,000), or so  
much as is available, shall be transferred to the Aging and Adult Services  
Fund Account to be used exclusively for meal and food services benefitting  
the elderly, including without limitation congregate meals at senior citizen  
centers and home-delivered meal programs.

(2) An amount not to exceed four hundred ninety thousand dollars  
(\$490,000), or seven percent (7%) of what is available to be transferred  
under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, shall be set aside for the Fight  
Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program.



1           (3) The remaining ninety-three percent (93%) under subdivision  
2 (c)(1) of this section shall be allocated following the intrastate funding  
3 formula and with the following restrictions:

4           (A) Fifty percent (50%) shall be used for raw food costs  
5 in accordance with the Nutrition Services Incentive Program, 45 C.F.R. §  
6 1321.87(d)(3), as it existed on January 1, 2025; and

7           (B)(i) Fifty percent (50%) shall be used for the direct  
8 operating and labor costs of preparing and delivering meals or food for the  
9 elderly.

10           (ii) Indirect food preparation and delivery costs  
11 shall not exceed ten percent (10%).

12           (d) Any additional revenues available after the distributions in  
13 subsection (b) subsections (a)-(c) of this section shall be transferred on  
14 the last day of business in each calendar month to the General Revenue  
15 Allotment Reserve Fund, there to be used for the respective purposes as  
16 provided by law.

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18           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Subtitle 5, Chapter 76, is amended  
19 to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

20           Subchapter 9 – Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program  
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22           20-76-901. Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program –  
23 Creation – Definitions.

24           (a) There is created a grant program to be known as the "Fight Senior  
25 Hunger Community Grant Match Program" to incentivize Arkansas counties,  
26 cities, and nonprofit organizations to help fight senior hunger in their  
27 respective communities.

28           (b) The Department of Human Services is authorized to award a grant to  
29 a county, city, or nonprofit organization from funds provided under § 19-5-  
30 406(c) if:

31           (1) The county, city, or nonprofit organization develops a  
32 written plan for providing meals or food to senior citizens in its community  
33 and submits the written plan to the Area Agency on Aging in its region for  
34 approval; and

35           (2) The members of the county quorum court, city council, or  
36 nonprofit organization submits proof that, through either donations of money

1 or property in kind, citizens of the county or city, or persons associated  
2 with the nonprofit organization, have pledged or will make available no less  
3 than one-half (1/2) of the cost of the program.

4 (c)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) of this section, upon  
5 the Area Agency on Aging's approval of compliance required by subdivision  
6 (b)(1) of this section, the department may approve a state grant to be used  
7 for the benefit of the county, city, or nonprofit organization program in an  
8 amount that equals up to one-half (1/2) of the estimated program cost.

9 (2) The state's share of the county, city, or nonprofit  
10 organization program shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

11 (d) As used in this section:

12 (1) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization formed under  
13 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it existed on January 1,  
14 2025; and

15 (2) "Property in kind" is limited to kitchen and dining space  
16 operational costs that would be associated with the county, city, or  
17 nonprofit organization's program.

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19 20-76-902. Reporting.

20 Each Area Agency on Aging shall report on its active programs and  
21 expenditures to address senior food insecurity under this subchapter to the:

22 (1) House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative  
23 and Military Affairs at least one (1) time each year and during a legislative  
24 session; and

25 (2) Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth at least one  
26 (1) time each year during a legislative interim.

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28 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
29 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the percentage of Arkansas's  
30 elderly population is increasing; that food insecurity within Arkansas's  
31 elderly population is also increasing; that if unaddressed, this food  
32 insecurity will continue to worsen and lead to needless mental and physical  
33 suffering and increased financial stress; that this act creates the Fight  
34 Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program to address the issue of food  
35 insecurity; and that it is necessary that this act become effective on July  
36 1, 2025, to align the start of the grant program created by this act with the

1 start of the state's fiscal year and thereby ensure proper funding and  
2 appropriation for the grant program. Therefore, an emergency is declared to  
3 exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace,  
4 health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

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6 /s/D. Wallace  
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