

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 201

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5 By: Senator J. Payton
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS FOR
10 CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING,
12 ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL
13 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
18 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND
19 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - GRANTS FOR
20 CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS
21 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL
22 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS FOR CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED
27 MEALS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to
28 be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer
29 of the State, for grants to Arkansas Area Agencies on Aging for congregate
30 and home-delivered meals by the Department of Human Services - Division of
31 Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June
32 30, 2025, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2024-2025
(01) CONGREGATE/HOME-DELIVERED MEALS	<u>\$5,000,000</u>



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
4 TRANSFER - CONGREGATE AND HOME-DELIVERED MEALS. Immediately upon the
5 effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
6 transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor
7 of the State the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General
8 Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the paying account as determined by the
9 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for congregate and home-delivered meals.
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11 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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21 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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30 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
32 the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
33 Health Services are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the
34 Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
35 Health Services to continue to provide essential governmental services; that
36 the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the

1 Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral
2 Health Services to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective
3 date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration
4 and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is
5 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force
7 and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

8 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
9 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
10 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
11 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
12 overrides the veto.

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