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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 268

5 By: Senators D. Wallace, J. Payton  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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18 AND ADULT SERVICES FUND ACCOUNT TO BE  
19 USED FOR FOOD SERVICES BENEFITING THE  
20 ELDERLY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-5-406(c), concerning the transfer of  
25 remaining revenues under the Revenue Stabilization Law, is amended to read as  
26 follows:

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

33 (2) An amount not to exceed four hundred ninety thousand dollars  
34 (\$490,000), or seven percent (7%) of what is available to be transferred  
35 under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, shall be set aside for the Fight  
36 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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