

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 582

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5 By: Senator B. King  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STATE ACTION POULTRY FLOCK  
10 DEPOPULATION GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO ESTABLISH THE STATE ACTION POULTRY  
14 FLOCK DEPOPULATION GRANT PROGRAM.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 33, Subchapter 3, is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 2-33-309. State Action Poultry Flock Depopulation Grant Program.

22 (a) There is established within the Department of Finance and  
23 Administration the State Action Poultry Flock Depopulation Grant Program to  
24 be administered by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and  
25 Administration.

26 (b) The secretary shall award grants under the program to provide  
27 financial assistance to eligible poultry growers within the state.

28 (c)(1) A poultry grower whose poultry flock was depopulated by the  
29 state is eligible to receive grant funds under this section.

30 (2) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section includes without  
31 limitation a poultry grower whose poultry flock was depopulated by the state  
32 prior to the effective date of this act.

33 (d)(1) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this  
34 section.

35 (2) The rules promulgated under subdivision (d)(1) of this  
36 section shall include without limitation the process for:



1                   (A) Submitting documentation to the department showing a  
2 poultry grower's loss due to state-mandated depopulation of the poultry  
3 grower's poultry flock; and

4                   (B) Distribution of grant funds.

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6           SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

7           (a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the  
8 Department of Finance and Administration shall file the final rules with the  
9 Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

10                   (1) On or before January 1, 2026; or

11                   (2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1,  
12 2026, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

13           (b) The department shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative  
14 Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2026, so  
15 that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before  
16 January 1, 2026.