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A Bill

SENATE BILL 6

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COUNTIES USING CERTAIN STATE TAX REVENUES; TO CREATE THE BRING IT HOME FUND; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN TAX REVENUES TO EACH COUNTY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COUNTIES USING CERTAIN STATE TAX REVENUES; TO CREATE THE BRING IT HOME FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 27, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-27-348. Bring It Home Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous fund to be known as the "Bring It Home Fund".

(b) The fund shall consist of:

(1) Revenues credited to the fund under § 26-52-107; and

(2) Any other funds authorized or provided by law.

(c)(1) The fund shall be used to provide additional funding for counties as provided in this subsection.

(2) Each fiscal year, when the balance of the fund equals one

hundred fifty million dollars ($150,000,000), the Treasurer of State shall distribute two million dollars ($2,000,000) to the county treasurer of each county in the state.

(3) A county shall use the funds distributed under subdivision (c)(2) of this section each fiscal year as follows:

(A) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds distributed to a county each fiscal year shall be used for one (1) or more of the following:

(i) Infrastructure projects within the county, including without limitation county roads and infrastructure for water services and sewer services;

(ii) Equipment for the county;

(iii) A law enforcement agency for the county; and

(iv) Debt service for debts of the county; and

(B) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds distributed to a county each fiscal year shall be used to support one (1) or more of the following:

(i) Any of the purposes listed in subdivision (c)(3)(A) of this section;

(ii) A fire department or fire protection district that serves the county;

(iii) A nonprofit organization described in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as it existed on January 1, 2027, and located in the county; and

(iv) A community project that benefits the county.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-52-107 is amended to read as follows:

26-52-107. Disposition of taxes, interest, and penalties.

All taxes, interest, penalties, and costs received by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration under the provisions of this chapter shall be ~~general revenues and shall be~~ deposited into the State Treasury as follows:

(1) The first one hundred fifty million dollars ($150,000,000) in each fiscal year to the credit of the Bring It Home Fund; and

(2)(A) The remainder to the credit of the State Apportionment Fund.

(B) The Treasurer of State shall allocate and transfer ~~the~~

~~same~~ any amounts under subdivision (2)(A) of this section to the various State Treasury funds participating in general revenues in the respective proportions to each as provided by, and to be used for the respective purposes set forth in, the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-20-101 et seq.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that counties in the state are struggling financially because of the increasingly high costs of goods and services; that counties need additional funds to provide essential infrastructure and services to the residents of this state; and that this act is necessary because there is an urgent need to increase funding for counties to enable counties to operate and provide essential infrastructure and services to the residents of this state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2027.