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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1708

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR FIRE RATING  
9 REDUCTION PLAN GRANTS FOR THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF  
10 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
11 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF  
15 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - FIRE RATING  
16 REDUCTION PLAN GRANTS APPROPRIATION FOR  
17 THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FIRE RATING REDUCTION PLAN GRANTS. There is  
24 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, to  
25 be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for Fire Rating  
26 Reduction Plan grants by the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management for  
27 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the sum of .....\$1,000,000.  
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29 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

31 FUNDING TRANSFER. Once the Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency  
32 Management determines Pilot Programs for the Fire Rate Reduction Plan have  
33 been implemented and are effective, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State  
34 shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the  
35 Auditor of the State the sum of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) from the  
36 General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund



1 Account to provide funds to be used exclusively for Fire Rating Reduction  
2 Plan Grants.

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4 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
10 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
12 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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14 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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23 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
24 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
25 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of  
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm  
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.