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2 88th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1079

5 By: Representative Bell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR FEDERAL
9 REIMBURSEMENT EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
10 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT - STATE FORESTRY
11 COMMISSION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN
12 ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1076
13 OF 2011; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
17 DEPARTMENT - STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION
18 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby
25 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the
26 State Forestry Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of the Arkansas
27 Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission which shall be
28 supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 29 of Act
29 1076 of 2011, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$1,200,000</u>

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35 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING



1 TRANSFER. (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall determine the
2 amount needed by the Arkansas Agriculture Department – State Forestry
3 Commission for Refunds and Reimbursements to provide repayment of loans,
4 penalties and interest owed to the Federal Government. (b) The Chief Fiscal
5 Officer of the State shall then request prior approval from the Arkansas
6 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for the transfer as set out in
7 (c) herein. (c) After receiving approval, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
8 State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and
9 the Auditor of the State the amount approved but not to exceed one million
10 two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) from the unobligated funds in the
11 General Improvement Fund to the State Forestry Fund.

12 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
13 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
14 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
15 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
16 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
17 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
18 has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department – State Forestry
19 Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to
20 the Arkansas Agriculture Department – State Forestry Commission authorizing
21 broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and
22 appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior
23 approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by
24 this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or
25 Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the
26 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
27 is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire
28 section is void.

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30 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 4 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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13 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 14 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
 15 the Arkansas Agriculture Department are, due to unforeseen circumstances,
 16 insufficient for the Arkansas Agriculture Department to continue to provide
 17 essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide
 18 the necessary monies for the Arkansas Agriculture Department to continue such
 19 services; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act could work
 20 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential
 21 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
 22 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
 23 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the
 24 date of its passage and approval.

25 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
 26 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
 27 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
 28 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
 29 overrides the veto.