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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1603

5 By: Representatives Bentley, M. Berry, Watson
6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE DRUG
10 CRIME ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION GRANT FUND AND
11 RELATED GRANTS; TO INCREASE THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL
12 ASSESSMENT; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF
13 GRANT AWARDS FUNDED BY THE STATE DRUG CRIME
14 ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION GRANT FUND; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

18 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DRUG
19 CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; AND THE USE OF
20 GRANTS FUNDED BY THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL
21 ASSESSMENT.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-17-106(a), concerning the drug crime
28 special assessment, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a) There is hereby established a drug crime special assessment ~~to~~
30 that shall be levied by the district courts or circuit courts of this state
31 in the sum of one hundred ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars ~~(\$125)~~ (\$150) against any
32 person who is convicted of or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to
33 any felony or misdemeanor offense the court determines to be a drug crime.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-17-107(c), concerning the use of a grant
36 awards funded by the drug crime special assessment, is repealed:



1 ~~(c) No grant awards shall be used for capital outlay or equipment~~
2 ~~purchases that exceed a cost of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)~~
3 ~~per item.~~

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