

State of Arkansas
94th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2023

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1603

By: Representatives Bentley, M. Berry, Watson

By: Senator G. Stubblefield

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE DRUG CRIME ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION GRANT FUND AND RELATED GRANTS; TO INCREASE THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF GRANT AWARDS FUNDED BY THE STATE DRUG CRIME ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION GRANT FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT; AND THE USE OF GRANTS FUNDED BY THE DRUG CRIME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-17-106(a), concerning the drug crime special assessment, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is hereby established a drug crime special assessment ~~to~~ that shall be levied by the district courts or circuit courts of this state in the sum of one hundred ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars ~~(\$125)~~ (\$150) against any person who is convicted of or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any felony or misdemeanor offense the court determines to be a drug crime.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-17-107(c), concerning the use of a grant awards funded by the drug crime special assessment, is repealed:



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

APPROVED: 4/13/23