

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1825

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS AMENDMENT 82 IMPLEMENTATION ACT.

Basic Change : Sponsor: Representative Davis

This proposal amends the Arkansas Amendment 82 Implementation Act which authorizes the issuance of bonds by the State of Arkansas for purposes of supporting major economic development projects in Arkansas. The bill would amend definitions and make stylistic changes to the code text. Amendment 82 contract agreements between the state and a project sponsor would reflect infrastructure in addition to other needs for the project as added by the language in the bill. The bill also changes current law regarding the maximum ceiling on bond principal that may be issued. Under current law the maximum amount of bonds is limited to 5% of state net general revenues. The proposal would change the limitation to a maximum of 5% of all general revenues.

Revenue Impact :

The maximum principal amount of Amendment 82 bonds that may be issued by the State would increase from 5% of net general revenues to 5% of total general revenues.

Taxpayer Impact :

None.

Resources Required :

None.

Time Required :

None.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Legal Analysis :

HB1825 amends the Amendment 82 Implementation Act to clarify several definitions relating to the revenue of the State and costs of the project. One portion of HB1825 provides that Amendment 82 bonds may be issued against the "net general revenue" of the State.