

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 582

By: Senator B. King

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STATE ACTION POULTRY FLOCK
DEPOPULATION GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE STATE ACTION POULTRY
FLOCK DEPOPULATION GRANT PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 33, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

2-33-309. State Action Poultry Flock Depopulation Grant Program.

(a) There is established within the Department of Finance and Administration the State Action Poultry Flock Depopulation Grant Program to be administered by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) The secretary shall award grants under the program to provide financial assistance to eligible poultry growers within the state.

(c)(1) A poultry grower whose poultry flock was depopulated by the state is eligible to receive grant funds under this section.

(2) Subdivision (c)(1) of this section includes without limitation a poultry grower whose poultry flock was depopulated by the state prior to the effective date of this act.

(d)(1) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

(2) The rules promulgated under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall include without limitation the process for:



(A) Submitting documentation to the department showing a poultry grower's loss due to state-mandated depopulation of the poultry grower's poultry flock; and

(B) Distribution of grant funds.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

(a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the Department of Finance and Administration shall file the final rules with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

(1) On or before January 1, 2026; or

(2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1, 2026, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(b) The department shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2026, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before January 1, 2026.