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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 43

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
10 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
11 JUNE 30, 2017; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION  
16 FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Economic  
23 Development Commission for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
24 employees.  
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Item	Class	Title	Maximum Annual	
			Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2016-2017
30	(1) U055U	AEDC DIRECTOR	1	\$139,706
31	(2) U105U	AEDC DEP DIR FINANCE & ADMIN	1	\$119,839
32	(3) U059U	AEDC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$119,839
33	(4) N180N	AEDC ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
34	(5) N062N	AEDC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIV DIR	1	GRADE N908
35	(6) N061N	AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
36	(7) N059N	AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908

1	(8)	N085N	AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE N907
2	(9)	N084N	AEDC MRKT & COMMUNICATIONS DIR	1	GRADE N907
3	(10)	N083N	AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N907
4	(11)	G245C	AEDC DIR OF COMM DEV & IMPROVEMENT	1	GRADE C128
5	(12)	G014C	AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE C128
6	(13)	P002C	AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE C128
7	(14)	G013C	AEDC MANAGER OF STRATEGIC ENERGY DEV	1	GRADE C128
8	(15)	G015C	AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE C128
9	(16)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
10	(17)	A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE C127
11	(18)	G048C	AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE C126
12	(19)	R006C	HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
13	(20)	G062C	AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	40	GRADE C125
14	(21)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	GRADE C124
15	(22)	D029C	SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE C124
16	(23)	R013C	AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
17	(24)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
18	(25)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
19	(26)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C121
20	(27)	G248C	ENERGY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
21	(28)	G159C	DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
22	(29)	G148C	ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE C119
23	(30)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
24	(31)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
25	(32)	D065C	NETWORK SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C118
26	(33)	D064C	WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE C118
27	(34)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	3	GRADE C117
28	(35)	R027C	BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C117
29	(36)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	5	GRADE C117
30	(37)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
31	(38)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
32	(39)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C116
33	(40)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
34	(41)	R033C	BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
35	(42)	D077C	HELP DESK SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
36	(43)	P041C	COMMERCIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE C114

1 (44) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III 7 GRADE C112  
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 100

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 4 SECTION 2. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. There is  
 5 hereby established for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and  
 6 Technology for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2016-2017
12	(1) U063U ASTA DIRECTOR	1	\$107,553
13	(2) N186N ASTA DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N907
14	(3) G033N ASTA AMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
15	(4) N094N ASTA EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
16	(5) B012N ASTA ASSISTANT DIR. OF ENGINEERING	1	GRADE N903
17	(6) G034N ASTA ASST DIR. SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE N903
18	(7) G030N ASTA ASST DIR. OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE N902
19	(8) B018N ASTA FIELD ENGINEER	7	GRADE N902
20	(9) A002N ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE N901
21	(10) B015N ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE N901
22	(11) G035N ASTA SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N901
23	(12) D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
24	(13) B016C ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE C126
25	(14) P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
26	(15) A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
27	(16) G137C ASTA RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
28	(17) G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
29	(18) D062C DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
30	(19) C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
31	(20) A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
32	(21) A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
33	(22) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
34	(23) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE C112
35	(24) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
36	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	30	

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Title	Maximum Annual	
			No. of Employees	Salary Rate
No.	Code		Fiscal Year	
			2016-2017	
(1)	U099U	DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	\$90,200
(2)	G115C	ASST DIR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE C121
(3)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	3	GRADE C117
(4)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			6	

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and Technology for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,780,069
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,493,043
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,548,238
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
7	(C) PROF. FEES	1,465,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
11	GRANTS	1,000,000
12	(05) FAR EAST TRADE/IND RECRUITMENT	150,000
13	(06) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	14,221,586
14	(07) FOR STATE MATCHING OF FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>228,500</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,127,922</u>

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17           SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - FEDERAL. There is hereby  
 18 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds  
 19 as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and  
 20 grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance - Federal  
 21 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$296,222
26	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	100,897
27	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
30	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32	(E) DATA PROC.	0
33	(04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	27,500,000
34	(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
35	(06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$36,248,043</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE ENERGY PLAN - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Energy Plan - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$226,499
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	82,221
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,273
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	36,788
(C) PROF. FEES	268,085
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>551,952</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,283,818</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Energy Efficiency Arkansas - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,119
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,927
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	93,900
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,000
(C) PROF. FEES	750,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(04) ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS GRANTS	<u>450,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,406,946</u>

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 4 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CLEAN CITIES COALITION - CASH. There is hereby  
 5 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund  
 6 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating  
 7 expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Clean Cities  
 8 Coalition - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
12	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
14	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,750
15	(C) PROF. FEES	105,255
16	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17	(E) DATA PROC.	0
18	(02) GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROJECTS	<u>55,000</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$189,005</u>

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 21 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PROGRAM. There is  
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the  
 23 Technology Acceleration Fund, for investment incentives to enhance the economy of the state through  
 24 technology development of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Technology Acceleration  
 25 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
29	(01) TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PRGM	<u>\$30,000,000</u>

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 31 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 32 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Economic Development  
 33 Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects as defined by Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution  
 34 for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 35 2017, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
3	(01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$200,000,000</u>

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5 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There is  
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the  
 7 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating  
 8 expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Weatherization  
 9 Assistance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$193,426
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	69,591
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,500
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,750
18	(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	2,000
22	(05) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<u>8,000,000</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,304,767</u>

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25 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is  
 26 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the New  
 27 Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of performance program  
 28 application fees of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance  
 29 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
33	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$875,781</u>

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35 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby  
 36 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Economic



1 Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for incentives to attract new business and economic  
 2 development to the State by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing  
 3 Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u>\$50,000,000</u>

9 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE  
 10 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to  
 11 be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses  
 12 and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and  
 13 Technology - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$724,118
(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	232,845
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
(C) PROF. FEES	16,800
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
(06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
(07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
(08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>6,500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,474,547</u>

32 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED  
 33 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 34 Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the  
 35 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in technology based businesses by the Arkansas  
 36 Economic Development Commission - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2017, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
5 (01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,900,000</u>

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7 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS  
 8 MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas  
 9 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for  
 10 grants by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension  
 11 Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
15 (01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

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17 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS  
 18 MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 19 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by  
 20 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field  
 21 services by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension  
 22 Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
26 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$281,580
27 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	84,246
28 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
30 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31 (C) PROF. FEES	0
32 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33 (E) DATA PROC.	0
34 (04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
35 TRANSFER ASSIST/OTHER GRANTS & AID	240,000
36 (05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>325,000</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$941,110

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3 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS  
 4 MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas  
 5 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury  
 6 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and  
 7 grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension  
 8 Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$579,828
13	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	177,328
14	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
17	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	0
20	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
21	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,455,986</u>

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24 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS  
 25 EPSCOR - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 26 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 27 for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development  
 28 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$197,695
33	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	60,116
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,518
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	74,800
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/ OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>3,467,686</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,994,815</u></u>

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8 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS  
 9 EPSCOR II - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 10 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 11 for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development  
 12 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR II - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,218
17	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	3,952
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	34,280
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	133,200
21	(C) PROF. FEES	55,500
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/ OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>2,909,850</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,150,000</u></u>

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28 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY  
 29 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 30 Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the  
 31 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic  
 32 Development Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the  
 33 following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>

1	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND OTHER GRANTS	
8	& AID	<u>90,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$150,000</u>

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11 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS  
 12 ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 13 Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate  
 14 the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of the Arkansas  
 15 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 16 2017, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
20	(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u>\$18,700,000</u>

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22 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM  
 23 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 24 Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the  
 25 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 26 Commission - Stem Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,701
31	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<u>15,320</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$66,021</u>

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34 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - INNOVATE  
 35 ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -  
 36 Division of Science and Technology, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, the following:

1 (A) for a grant or transfer to the Innovate Arkansas Fund for personal services and operating  
 2 expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Innovate Arkansas, in a sum not to  
 3 exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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 5 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from  
 7 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid  
 8 by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State Operations for the  
 9 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
13 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$237,427
14 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
15 (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	78,704
16 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
19 (C) PROF. FEES	0
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21 (E) DATA PROC.	0
22 (05) GRANTS/AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
23 (06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	500,000
24 (07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
25 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,394,269</u>

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27 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from  
 29 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission,  
 30 for conference expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division  
 31 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
35 (01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$75,000</u>

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SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL

RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for providing grants to counties or municipalities for infrastructure, construction, renovation, personal services and maintenance and operations for animal rescues or animal shelters by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Animal Rescue/Shelters Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS & AID	<u>\$5,328</u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for maintenance and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$45,395
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$45,395</u>

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ARKANSAS UNPAVED

ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses for the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the sum of.....\$250,000.

SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) may

1 utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds for personal services, operating expenses,  
 2 grants and aid, capital acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific training  
 3 opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry training activities to the Governor and the  
 4 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition to training expenses, funds made available to  
 5 support the appropriation for ITP herein may be used to acquire capital equipment necessary to enhance  
 6 the capabilities of the Arkansas Industry Training Programs and for expenses necessary to assist in  
 7 carrying on the Existing Worker Training Program. When not in use in an ITP managed course of  
 8 training, the equipment purchased under this provision shall be stored at a location to be determined by  
 9 the Executive Director of AEDC.

10 The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through July 1, ~~2016~~  
 11 2017.

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 13 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN  
 15 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby authorized to  
 16 enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public companies, corporations, individuals or  
 17 organizations for the purpose of operating foreign offices. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed  
 18 restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard Professional Services Contracts for the  
 19 operation of the foreign offices and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as  
 20 established by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
 22 2017.

23  
 24 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MULTI-USE  
 26 FACILITIES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall structure its annual update  
 27 to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new Five Year Consolidated Plan to reflect the legislative  
 28 intent for a priority to be placed on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for  
 29 Multi-use facilities that will offer combined facilities for programs commonly offered in separate facilities  
 30 such as senior centers, public health centers, childcare centers and community centers. AEDC shall  
 31 report the methodology for complying with this priority to the Legislative Council.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
 33 2017.

34  
 35 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC



1 PARTICIPATION. Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall make additional efforts to  
 2 increase non-traditional public participation in its annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and  
 3 the new Five Year Consolidated Plan. These efforts shall be in addition to current public notification  
 4 methods. Notification should be considered through direct mail-out to mayors and county judges, contacts  
 5 with planning and development districts, contact with the Department of Rural Services, submissions to  
 6 grant notification publications, and publication on AEDC's web page. AEDC is encouraged to develop  
 7 additional innovative public awareness strategies.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
 9 2017.

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 11 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL  
 13 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants within the  
 14 Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance-Federal, the Arkansas Economic  
 15 Development Commission (AEDC) shall allocate \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-  
 16 Aside from the Economic Development Set-Aside, as defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed with the  
 17 federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-  
 18 Aside are to be used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
 20 2017.

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 22 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT  
 24 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all applications for  
 25 grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside and shall certify to the ~~Department of Rural Services~~  
 26 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission those applications eligible for grant funds  
 27 under AEDC and federal guidelines. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas  
 28 Economic Development Commission alone shall decide which grant applications will be funded, and  
 29 AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants receiving  
 30 final approval by the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 31 Commission. AEDC and the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic  
 32 Development Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the application for and  
 33 disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the  
 34 disposition of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
 36 2017.

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2 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
4 PROVISION - FOREIGN OFFICES. If at any time during the fiscal year, the Director determines that  
5 market conditions warrant, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby authorized to  
6 transfer appropriation, after receiving the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior  
7 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, between the Foreign Offices in the State  
8 Operations Section of this Act for the purpose of responding to changes in the world markets.

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

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
22 2017.

23  
24 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
26 PROVISION. If at any time during the fiscal year, savings are accomplished in the appropriation provided  
27 for "Far East Trade/Industry Recruitment" and "Regular Salaries" in the State Operations Section of this  
28 Act, such appropriation savings may be transferred to the appropriations made for "Maintenance and  
29 General Operations" in the State Operations Section of this Act after prior approval by the Legislative  
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if at any time during the fiscal year, savings are  
31 accomplished in the appropriation provided for "Maintenance and General Operations" in the State  
32 Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation savings may be transferred to the appropriation for "Far  
33 East Trade/Industry Recruitment" and in the State Operations Section of this Act, after prior approval by  
34 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

35 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and  
36 general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

1 This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency  
2 and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the  
3 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Economic  
4 Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas  
5 Economic Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both  
6 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of  
7 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of  
8 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If  
9 the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional  
10 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
12 2017.

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14 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
16 PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the  
17 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development  
18 Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item appropriation authorized in the  
19 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the  
20 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
34 2017.

35  
36 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FLEXIBILITY  
2 RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
3 within this Act relating to the appropriation in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section shall  
4 be used only when necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and shall  
5 require approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
19 2017.

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21 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
23 PROVISION - INDUSTRY TRAINING. If during the fiscal year, the Industry Training Division effects  
24 savings in item (06), State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to item (03),  
25 Maintenance and General Operations, of the State Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining  
26 approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior review by the Legislative Council or Joint  
27 Budget Committee. In addition, if any savings are effected in the fiscal year in item (03), Maintenance and  
28 General Operations, of the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to item  
29 (06), Industry Training Program, of the State Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of  
30 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
31 Committee.

32 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and  
33 general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.  
34 This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency  
35 and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the  
36 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Economic

1 Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas  
2 Economic Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both  
3 necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of  
4 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of  
5 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If  
6 the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional  
7 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
9 2017.

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11 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
13 TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from time to time on his or her books and  
14 those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum not to exceed thirty million dollars  
15 (\$30,000,000) from Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the  
16 Technology Acceleration Fund to provide funds for the appropriation herein.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
18 2017.

19  
20 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADDITIONAL  
22 PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation is hereby  
23 authorized to make additional payments to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development  
24 Commission, from private funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic  
25 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation, and the  
26 Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development  
27 Commission shall not be considered salary and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the  
28 maximum salaries established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in this  
29 section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted elsewhere in the Arkansas statute  
30 for the payment of allowances or bonuses to unclassified employees.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
32 2017.

33  
34 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
36 FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the Industry

1 Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account which remain at  
 2 the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the  
 3 same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

4 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under  
 5 the following conditions:

6 (1) Prior to June 30, 2015 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to  
 7 carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

8 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas  
 9 Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
 10 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or  
 11 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding  
 12 source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

13 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas  
 14 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along  
 15 with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry  
 16 forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board,  
 17 Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
 18 Committee; and

19 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in  
 20 item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board,  
 21 Commission or Institution.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

23  
 24 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED  
 26 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding general revenue year  
 27 end fund balances, any monies received from the repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by  
 28 the ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 29 Commission, shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund  
 30 Account and shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to be made available solely for  
 31 the benefit of the ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic  
 32 Development Commission to provide additional Seed Capital Investments.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
 34 2017.

35  
 36 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
 2 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and Technology  
 3 ~~Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ is authorized to carry forward an amount  
 4 of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in  
 5 Section ~~3~~ 16 for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2016~~ 2017 to  
 6 be used for the same purpose.

7 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under  
 8 the following conditions:

9 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need  
 10 to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

11 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas  
 12 Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
 13 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or  
 14 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding  
 15 source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

16 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas  
 17 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along  
 18 with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry  
 19 forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board,  
 20 Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
 21 Committee; and

22 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in  
 23 item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board,  
 24 Commission or Institution.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
 26 2017.

27  
 28 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
 30 BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available balances received by the  
 31 ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 32 Commission from Client Services provided through the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network –  
 33 Federal appropriation, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Cash  
 34 Fund Account.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~  
 36 2017.

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2 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

4 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
5 State, the Director of the ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas  
6 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from the Division of  
7 Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the  
8 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all transfers shall  
9 not exceed \$3,500,000.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30,  
11 ~~2016~~ 2017.

12  
13 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GENERAL  
15 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the  
16 Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to retain and utilize for administrative cost  
17 purposes up to one and one half percent (1.5%) of the total amount of any General Improvement Fund  
18 moneys received for projects authorized for disbursement through the ~~department~~ division by the General  
19 Assembly.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30,  
21 ~~2016~~ 2017.

22  
23 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
25 TRANSFER. Upon request of the Director of the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas  
26 Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
27 State, from time to time, shall cause to be transferred on his books and those of the State Treasurer and  
28 Auditor of State, an amount not to exceed one and one half percent (1.5%) from the various sub funds  
29 created in any General Improvement Fund, established for disbursement through the ~~Department of Rural~~  
30 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to the Miscellaneous Agencies  
31 Fund Account.

32 The funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from the various sub funds  
33 established in any General Improvement Fund pursuant to this section shall be made available and  
34 utilized solely by the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic Development  
35 Commission for maintenance and general operations costs.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30,



1 ~~2016~~ 2017.

2  
3 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
5 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June 30, of each fiscal  
6 year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the  
7 Arkansas Economic Development Commission that were transferred from the various sub funds created  
8 in any General Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund projects shall  
9 remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made available to the ~~Department of Rural~~  
10 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and utilized for the same purpose  
11 during the following fiscal year.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30,  
13 ~~2016~~ 2017.

14  
15 SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY  
17 FAIR GRANTS. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic Development  
18 Commission shall develop the necessary rules and regulations for the disbursement of matching fund  
19 grants to county fairs for the construction, renovation and/or improvements to county fair grounds. The  
20 grants shall be matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county fair shall  
21 receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30,  
23 ~~2016~~ 2017.

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25 SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT  
27 AWARD CRITERIA. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic Development  
28 Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the criteria to be utilized in determining to whom  
29 grants will be made under this Act. Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the  
30 Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of  
31 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall distribute the grants.

32 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general  
33 revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is  
34 usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
35 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the  
36 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the ~~Department of Rural~~

1 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if  
 2 some flexibility is provided to the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic  
 3 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary  
 4 and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the  
 5 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval  
 6 by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the  
 7 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by  
 8 a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015-2016~~ through June 30, ~~2016~~  
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 12 SECTION 55. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this  
 13 act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support  
 14 of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and  
 16 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and  
 17 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 20 SECTION 56. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds  
 21 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the  
 22 stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the  
 24 Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of  
 25 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 27 SECTION 57. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that  
 28 the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year  
 29 period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2016 is essential to the operation of the agency for  
 30 which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative  
 31 session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2016 could work irreparable harm upon  
 32 the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is  
 33 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
 34 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2016.

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