Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H2/14/03	
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill	Act 364 of 2003
3	Regular Session, 2003		HOUSE BILL 1325
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5	By: Representative Mahony		
6	By: Senator Faris		
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9		For An Act To Be Entitled	
10	AN ACT T	O REVISE VARIOUS CODE PROVISIONS	
11	PERTAINI	NG TO STATE BUILDING SERVICES OVER	SIGHT,
12	AUTHORIT	Y, AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CAPITAL	
13	IMPROVEM	ENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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15		Subtitle	
16	TO AM	END VARIOUS ARKANSAS CODE	
17	PROVI	SIONS PERTAINING TO THE AUTHORITY	
18	AND R	ESPONSIBILITY OF STATE BUILDING	
19	SERVI	CES OVERSIGHT OF CAPITAL	
20	IMPRO	VEMENTS.	
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GR	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARI	KANSAS:
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26	SECTION 1. Arkar	nsas Code § 13-8-205(a), concerning	g the Arkansas Public
27	Advisory Board, is amer	nded to read as follows:	
28	(a) There is est	tablished the "Arkansas Public Art	Advisory Board" to
29	be composed of seven ()	7) members.	
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31		nsas Code § 13-8-205(b)(2), concern	ning the Arkansas
32	•	is amended to read as follows:	
33		emaining members of the board shall	
34		the Office of Arkansas State Arts a	
35		the Arkansas State Building Service	
36	Administrator of the Co	onstruction Section of Arkansas Sta	ate Building

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     Services, two (2) architects, registered and licensed within the state, who
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     shall be appointed by the Governor, and the Program Coordinator of the
     Arkansas Public Art Program.
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           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 13-8-209 is amended to read as follows:
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           13-8-209. Award of contracts.
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           Arkansas State Building Services shall, pursuant to the instruction of
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     the selection committee for the project, award contracts for the purchase or
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     commission of art work for the Arkansas Public Art Program and the owner
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     agency shall administer payments.
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           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1405(e), concerning bidding
     procedures, is amended to read as follows:
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           (e)(1) Whenever it is obvious from examination of the bid document
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     that it was the intent of a bidder to submit a responsive bid, and the bid,
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     because of scriveners' error such as transposition of figures, if accepted
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     would create a serious financial loss to the bidder, the Director of Arkansas
     State Building Services has the authority to relieve the bidder from
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     responsibility under his bond and may reject his bid provided, for projects
     undertaken by public institutions of higher education exempt from review and
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     approval of Arkansas State Building Services, the chief executive officer of
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     the institution of higher education or his or her designee has the authority
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     to relieve the bidder from responsibility under his or her bond and may
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     reject his or her bid in the same manner and within the same period as
     allowed by Arkansas State Building Services.
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                 (2) For purposes of this section, "scriveners' error" means:
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                       (A) An error in the calculation of a bid which can be
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     documented by clear and convincing written evidence and which can be clearly
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     shown by objective evidence drawn from inspection of the original work
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     papers, documents, or materials used in the preparation of the bid sought to
     be withdrawn; and
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                       (B) In the case of a bid sought to be withdrawn, the bid
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     was submitted in good faith and the mistake was due to a calculation or
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     clerical error, an inadvertent omission, or a typographical error as opposed
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     to an error in judgment.
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                 (3) To receive relief, under subdivision (e)(1), the bidder must
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- 1 serve written notice to the Director of Arkansas State Building Services or 2 the chief executive officer or his or her designee of a public institution of higher education exempt from review and approval of Arkansas State Building 3 Services any time after the bid opening, but no later than seventy-two (72) 4 hours after receiving the intent to award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and 5 6 holidays. Failure to make a withdrawal request within seventy-two (72) hours 7 shall constitute a waiver by the bidder of the bidder's right to claim that 8 the mistake in his or her bid was a scriveners' error. 9 (4) In the event the Director of Arkansas State Building Services or the chief executive officer or his or her designee of a public 10 11 institution of higher education exempt from review and approval of Arkansas State Building Services has relieved the bidder from responsibility under his 12 13 bond, action on the remaining bids should be considered as though the withdrawn bid had not been received. 14 15 16 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1406 is repealed. 17 19-4-1406. Concurrence by architects. (a) Any architect who submits a bid for any proposed project of a 18 19 state agency as may be held out for bid shall concur, in writing, with the 20 provisions of this subchapter, with such concurrence to be included in his 21 bid proposal. 22 (b) Failure to include such concurrence shall deem the bid proposal 23 null and void. 24 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1411(a)(1), concerning the processing 25 26 of payments, is amended to read as follows: (a)(1) When a contractor submits a properly prepared request for 27 28 payment of work completed on state construction projects and the request for
- required for transmittal from one (1) party to another: 33 (A) Design professional - Five (5) working days;

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- 34 (B) State agency or institutions of higher education
- 35 exempt from review and approval by Arkansas State Building Services - Five

payment conforms with the provisions of the contract award and laws of the

State of Arkansas, the following maximum time is allowed for the processing

of the payment requests by the various parties involved, excluding time

(5) working days, including preparation of voucher and submission for 36

1	payment; and	
2	(C)(i) Arkansas State Building Services - Five (5) working	
3	days.	
4	(ii) that this time for processing a request for	
5	payment shall not apply to public institutions of higher education which are	
6	exempt from construction review and approval by Arkansas State Building	
7	Services, unless any such institution has entered into an agreement for	
8	Arkansas State Building Services to provide its construction review and	
9	approval; and	
10	$\frac{(D)}{(C)}$ Department of Finance and Administration - Five (5)	
11	working days.	
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13	SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 19-4-1415(c), concerning projects exceeding	
14	five million dollars, is amended to read as follows:	
15	(c)(1) For all projects contemplated or contracted for, Arkansas State	
16	Building Services shall:	
17	(A) Review and approve the advertisement as stated in	
18	subsection (d) of this section, the scope of work, the site selection,	
19	funding review, and, to the extent available, all project drawings, plans,	
20	and specifications prior to any solicitation of proposals for the project;	
21	(B) Conduct on-site inspections observations of the	
22	construction project on a regular basis to ensure that the project complies	
23	with the contract documents and maintains maintain project records; and	
24	(C)(i) Review and approve all contract amendments and	
25	payments.	
26	(ii) State agencies shall submit a summary of all	
27	contract amendments to the Legislative Council;	
28	(2)(A) The institutions of higher education stated in	
29	subdivision (b)(5) of this section shall perform all duties and	
30	responsibilities stated in subdivision (c)(1) of this section under policies	
31	and procedures adopted by their governing boards.	
32	(B) They shall submit a summary of all contract amendments	
33	to the Legislative Council.	
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35	SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 22-2-102(1) is amended to read as follows:	
36	(1) "Capital improvement" means all lands, buildings,	

- structures, utilities, on-site and off-site improvements, and other appertaining improvements, existing or future, and all construction, repairs,
- 3 alterations, <u>demolitions</u>, and renovations thereof which are undertaken,
- 4 owned, operated, or otherwise managed by a state agency, except that capital
- 5 improvements shall not include construction and reconstruction of roads and
- 6 bridges in the state highway system by the State Highway Commission, nor
- 7 shall the term "capital improvements" include any building, facility, plant,
- 8 structure, or other improvements constructed by or in behalf of the Arkansas
- 9 State Highway and Transportation Department or the State Highway Commission,
- 10 nor shall the term "capital improvement" include any lands, buildings or
- 11 other structures or facilities now owned or hereafter acquired by an Arkansas
- 12 state retirement system as an investment or as a result of the investment of
- 13 assets of the system;

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- 15 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 22-2-107(a)(1) is amended to read as 16 follows:
- 17 (1) CONSTRUCTION SECTION. The Construction Section shall:
- 18 (A) Supervise the bidding and awarding of contracts for
- 19 new construction and renovations for or by state agencies' capital
- 20 improvements;
- 21 (B) Approve methods of finance and establish Establish and
- 22 maintain complete construction files on all jobs, including plans and
- 23 specifications for alterations, renovations, and repairs of all capital
- 24 improvements;
- 25 (C) Approve all proposed contracts, change orders, and
- 26 final payments requests;
- 27 (D) Ensure that on-site inspection observation of all
- 28 construction projects, alterations, and repairs is accomplished on a regular
- 29 basis and maintain records of those inspections observations;
- 30 (E) Obtain and maintain construction inspection reports
- 31 from architects or engineers or their consultants from state agencies and
- 32 institutions for all capital improvement construction projects;
- 33 (F)(i) Conduct visits by with the design professional to
- 34 determine the responsibility and performance required by the contract
- 35 documents.
- 36 (ii) On-site observations by design professionals

1 shall concur with the contractor's payment request and shall be submitted in

- 2 written form with the pay request.
- 3 (iii) The inspection reports shall be as adopted by
- 4 the council.
- 5 (iv) State agencies shall engage the services of
- 6 licensed architects or engineers for all projects covered by the Arkansas
- 7 Architectural Act, § 17-15-101 et seq., and the Arkansas Engineering Act, §
- 8 17-30-101 et seq.;
- 9 (G) Ensure that the construction of all projects complies
- 10 with the contract documents; and
- 11 (H)(i) Establish and manage a list of contractors desiring
- 12 written notice of invitations to bid and establish by regulation a fee, not
- 13 to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually, for receiving a written
- 14 notice of an invitation to bid.
- 15 (ii) Subscription fees collected pursuant to this
- 16 section shall be deposited in the State Building Services Fund;

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- SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 22-2-107(a)(3) is amended to read as
- 19 follows:
- 20 (3) ARCHITECTURAL SECTION. The Architectural Section shall be
- 21 directed by an architect registered and licensed to practice architecture in
- 22 the state and who shall have had seven (7) years of experience as a
- 23 registered architect. The section shall:
- 24 (A) Establish procedures, as approved by the council, for
- 25 the selection of architectural and building design consultant consultants
- 26 services by state agencies and State Building Services, which procedures
- 27 shall ensure an equitable opportunity for all persons and firms;
- 28 (B) Encourage, within the rules and regulations of the
- 29 state, the timely and expedient commitment and expenditure of appropriations
- 30 for construction capital improvements;
- 31 (C) Establish standard fee schedules, as approved by the
- 32 council, for architectural and building design consultant services for
- 33 capital improvements;
- 34 (D) Develop and upon adoption by the council establish
- 35 minimum design standards and criteria, which shall be made available to all
- 36 architects in the state;

1 (E) Utilize, require, or undertake studies concerning the 2 needs for and costs of proposed capital improvements; 3 (F) Review and approve, consistent with the provisions of 4 this chapter, contracts for architectural and building design consultant 5 services, preliminary plans, cost estimates, building programs, feasibility 6 studies, and construction bid documents for capital improvements and mediate 7 architectural and design and construction-related problems; 8 (G) Assist in analyzing architectural design and 9 construction problems at state-owned facilities; and 10 (H) Ensure that state agencies shall engage the services 11 of licensed architects and licensed engineers for all appropriate capital 12 improvement projects contracted, not exempted by the requirements of the Arkansas Architectural Act, § 17-15-101 et seq., the Arkansas Engineering 13 Act, § 17-30-101 et seq., and the Arkansas Public Works Act, § 22-9-101 et 14 15 seq. 16 17 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 22-2-108(9)-(11), which are powers of the State Building Services Council, are amended to read as follows: 18 19 (9)(A) To establish, promulgate, and enforce minimum design and construction standards and criteria for all capital improvements undertaken 20 by any state agency, including, but not limited to, procedures regarding the 21 22 bidding and awarding of capital improvements, and suspension and debarment of 23 contractors regarding projects under the jurisdiction of the Arkansas State 24 Building Services. 25 (B) However, Arkansas State Building Services shall not 26 engage in the production of architectural plans and specifications, with the 27 exception that the architects and engineers employed by Arkansas State 28 Building Services may provide and make available technical assistance to Arkansas State Building Services' sections listed in § 22-2-107 and other 29 30 agencies regarding capital improvements involving roofing projects, repairs, alterations, or renovations; 31 32 (10) To establish and enforce minimum standards and criteria for 33 the management, maintenance, and operation of all public buildings and 34 capital improvements; 35 (11) To establish and enforce minimum standards and criteria for 36 the leasing and renting of space for and by state agencies;

1 2 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 22-2-116 is amended to read as follows: 22-2-116. Maintenance responsibilities generally. 3 4 (a) The State Building Services shall provide for the management, 5 maintenance, and operation of public buildings as may be required by the 6 provisions and implementation of this chapter, or as may otherwise be 7 required by law. 8 (b) Arkansas State Building Services may enter into agreements with 9 agencies to provide for the management, maintenance, and operation of those public buildings, which are not owned by Arkansas State Building Services. 10 11 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 22-2-121 is amended to read as follows: 12 13 22-2-121. Real estate compilation. 14 (a) The Arkansas State Building Services shall: 15 (1) Perform a compilation of all real property owned by state 16 agencies, including boards, commissions, and institutions of higher 17 education, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, and the State Highway Commission; 18 19 (2) Create a database that shall include a description of each piece of real property owned; and 20 21 (3) Maintain the database with current information. 22 (b) The initial compilation of all real property shall be completed by 23 January 1, 2002. 24 (c) All state agencies identified in subdivision (a)(1) of this 25 section, including 26 boards, commissions, and institutions of higher education, shall provide the 27 necessary information to State Building Services. 28 (d) State Building Services, in accordance with the 29 Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., may adopt rules 30 and regulations necessary to administer the provisions of this section. 31 32 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 22-3-405(b), concerning the capitol 33 parking control committee, is amended to read as follows: The committee shall be composed of three (3) members, as follows: 34 35 (1) The Secretary of State or designee; 36 (2) The Director of the State Building Services or designee; and

1 (3) A state employee designated by the Secretary of State who is 2 employed on the State Capitol grounds in a position of administrator or higher by an agency or office other than that of the Secretary of State or of 3 the State Building Services. 4 5 6 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 22-3-923 is amended to read as follows: 7 22-3-923. Allocation of space. 8 (a)(1) It is found and determined by the General Assembly that the 9 Justice Building was constructed primarily to house the higher appellate 10 courts and that other agencies were permitted to occupy portions of the 11 building only because the space was not needed by the courts at that time; 12 that since construction of the building, the electors of the state authorized 13 the establishment of a new appellate court, the Court of Appeals; that the Court of Appeals is in urgent need of additional space in the Justice 14 15 Building in order to perform its responsibilities; that it is essential that 16 the additional space to be provided the Court of Appeals is contiguous to the 17 space now assigned to that court. 18 (2) Further, it is the purpose and intent of this section to 19 establish specific priorities for use of space in the Justice Building and to 20 specifically authorize the Arkansas Justice Building Commission State 21 Building Services to allocate space in the Justice Building in accordance 22 with those priorities to assure that the appellate courts and the services 23 and facilities essential to the effective and efficient operation of the 24 courts, such as library facilities, are given first priority in the use of 25 space in the building. 26 (b)(1) Space in the Justice Building shall be allocated by the 27 Arkansas Justice Building Commission State Building Services, after obtaining 28 the technical assistance and concurrence of the State Building Services and 29 after seeking the advice of the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative 30 Facilities, to the following courts, library, and offices in the order of priority listed: 31 32 (1)(A) The Supreme Court; 33 (2)(B) The Court of Appeals; 34 (3)(C) The offices of the Clerk of the Supreme Court; 35 (4)(D) The Supreme Court Library; and (5) The offices of the Attorney General; and 36

- 1 (6)(E) The Judicial Department Administrative Office of the 2 Courts.
- 3 (2) The space requirements of each court, library, or office 4 listed in this subsection must be adequately met before any space is 5 allocated to any other office or agency.
 - (c) If the space requirements of the courts, library, and offices listed in subsection (b) of this section are adequately met, the Arkansas Justice Building Commission State Building Services may, after seeking the technical assistance and concurrence of the State Building Services and the advice of the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities, allocate any additional space to such other offices or agencies as it deems appropriate.
 - (d) The Arkansas Justice Building Commission State Building Services shall allocate space in accordance with the priorities prescribed in this section as soon as practicable after April 3, 1985, in order that the additional space allocated to the courts, library, and offices enumerated in this section shall be available on or before July 1, 1985.
 - (e) The commission shall conduct yearly reviews of the space requirements of the courts, library, and offices listed in this section to determine if their space requirements are being adequately met.
 - (f)(1) If the Arkansas Justice Building Commission determines, after a review conducted pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, that the space requirements of a court, library, or office listed in this section are not being adequately met, it shall reallocate space occupied by the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Arkansas Transportation Commission to those courts, library, and offices to assure that adequate suitable space is provided them in the Justice Building.
 - (2) Before reallocating space occupied by the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Arkansas Transportation Commission, the Arkansas Justice Building Commission must receive certification from the State Building Services that suitable space to house either or both of the agencies has been arranged in accordance with the rental terms suitable to the agencies, and that plan must be submitted to the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities for its review and advice.
 - (g)(1) When the allocation of space contemplated by this section is accomplished, the tenant receiving that additional space shall assume any obligation for the rentals owed for that acquired space in the Justice

Building pursuant to any lease agreement existing between the lessor, the
Arkansas Justice Building Commission, and the lessee-tenant who loses the

4 (2) The Arkansas Justice Building Commission is to supervise the
5 execution of the lease and documents necessary to protect, and not impair,
6 the obligation of the Arkansas Justice Building Commission under any existing
7 bonded indebtedness it may have previously entered into for the purpose of

8 building and maintaining the Justice Building.
9 (h)(1)(e)(1) The provisions of §§ 22-3-9

 $\frac{(h)(1)(e)(1)}{(e)(1)}$ The provisions of §§ 22-3-901 - 22-3-922, and the covenants and obligations of the Arkansas *Justice Building Commission State Building Services* entered into in connection with the issuance of bonds pursuant thereto are ratified and confirmed.

(2) Nothing in this section is intended, or shall be interpreted, to alter the amounts of, due dates for, or obligors of lease rentals payable pursuant to leases entered into between the commission Arkansas State Building Services and any lessee identified in §§ 22-3-901 - 22-3-922, or any successor thereto, or to alter the handling, deposit, or application of the lease rentals.

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SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(a), concerning sale procedures of land, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) The several state boards or commissions having supervision of the affairs of the charitable, penal, correctional, educational, and other institutions of the State of Arkansas, and all other state boards and commissions, except the State Highway Commission, the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission, the Department of Higher Education, and institutions of higher education, and the executive heads of all state offices, departments, and agencies, all referred to separately as "state agency", may sell or purchase, for cash in hand and upon compliance with the provisions of this section, the lands, in whole or in part, belonging to or under the supervision or control of the respective state agency, or belonging to the state and held for the use or benefit of the state agency.

(B) State agencies may purchase lands, so that the lands, in whole or in part, shall belong to or be under the supervision or control of the respective state agency or belong to the state and be held for the use

- 1 or benefit of the state agency. 2 (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to: The sale of land by the Commissioner of State Lands; 3 4 (B) The transfer of state lands to political subdivisions 5 of the State of Arkansas; 6 (C) The transfer of state lands between state entities; or 7 (D) The exchange of state lands for other lands which are 8 suitable for state purposes if the Director of Arkansas State Building 9 Services director has made a recommendation to the Governor that the exchange 10 be made and if the Governor has approved the exchange. 11 12 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(h), concerning bidding for state lands, is amended to read as follows: 13 14 (h)(1) The lands shall be sold for the highest aggregate responsible 15 bid, and no such sale shall be otherwise than for cash, nor for less than the 16 amount of the appraisal. 17 (2)(A) Upon approval by the Governor, lands may be sold to the highest responsible bidder for less than the amount of the appraisal if the 18 bid process has been utilized and it has been determined and recommended by 19 the agency director and the Director of Arkansas State Building Services that 20 21 further solicitation of bids is unnecessary. Upon such approval the agency 22 may enter into negotiations with the highest responsible bidder for the sale 23 of the lands. If negotiations are unsuccessful, the agency may enter into 24 negotiations with the next highest responsible bidder. Nothing shall 25 preclude an agency from releting bids under this section if the negotiations 26 as stated in subdivision (h)(2)(A) are unsuccessful. 27 (B) The Legislative Council shall review the sale of the 28 land before the agency finalizes the sale. 29 30 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 22-9-204(a), concerning use of subcontractors, is amended to read as follows: 31 32 (a) As a condition to performing construction work for and in the 33
- State of Arkansas, all prime contractors shall use no other subcontractors when the subcontractors' portion of the project is twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more, except those licensed by the Contractors Licensing Board and qualified in:

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1	(1) Mechanical, indicative of heating, air conditioning,		
2	ventilation, and refrigeration;		
3	(2) Plumbing;		
4	(3) Electrical, indicative of wiring and illuminating fixtures;		
5	and		
6	(4) Roofing and sheet metal work, indicative of roofing		
7	application.		
8	SECTION 19. Arkansas Code 19-4-1405(d) is amended to read as follows:		
9	"(d)(1)(A) Every bid submitted on state agency construction contracts		
10	shall be void unless accompanied by a cashier's check drawn upon a bank or		
11	trust company doing business in this state or by a corporate bid bond and the		
12	agent's power of attorney as his authority for projects over the amount of		
13	twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).		
14	(B) No bid bond shall be required for projects under or equal to the amount		
15	of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).		
16	(2) Such bid security shall indemnify the public against failure of the		
17	contractor to execute and deliver the contract and necessary bonds for		
18	faithful performance of the contract.		
19	(3) The bid security shall provide that the contractor or surety must pay		
20	the damage, loss, cost, and expense subject to the amount of the bid security		
21	directly arising out of the contractor's default in failing to execute and		
22	deliver the contract and bonds.		
23	(4) Liability under this bid security shall be limited to five percent (5%)		
24	of the amount of the bid."		
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