

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: *Joint Budget Committee***

A Bill

SENATE BILL 629

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN EDA PLANNING GRANT
9 FOR THE COMMISSION ON ARKANSAS' FUTURE FOR THE BIENNIAL
10 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1993; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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14 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - MATCHING GRANT. There is hereby
15 appropriated, to the Commission on Arkansas' Future, to be payable from the
16 State General Services Fund Account, for the State matching portion of an
17 Economic Development Authority Planning Grant of the Commission on Arkansas'
18 Future for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993, the sum of \$60,000 *each*
19 *year*.

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21 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - FEDERAL GRANT. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Commission on Arkansas' Future, to be payable from the
23 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
24 operating expenses and other costs of an Economic Development Authority
25 Planning Grant for the Commission on Arkansas' Future for the biennial period
26 ending June 30, 1993, the sum of \$180,000 *each year*.

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28 SECTION 3. (a) In addition to its duty to develop a comprehensive
29 strategic plan for the State required by Section 7 of Act 810 of 1989 and
30 *contingent upon the awarding of the EDA grant during the 1991-93 biennium*, the
31 Commission for Arkansas' Future shall hereby also be responsible for the
32 development of a comprehensive "Ten-Year Economic Development Plan" for the
33 State of Arkansas.

34 (b) The Commission shall investigate the various demographic and socio-
35 economic factors placing Arkansas among the least economically developed

1 states of the United States. The Commission shall then identify those factors
2 within Arkansas which need to be targeted in order for Arkansas to improve its
3 economic position over the next decade. They shall review such factors as per
4 capita income, educational levels, location and development of highway, rail,
5 and other transportation systems, development of investment capital,
6 incentives for the location and relocation of industry and job development,
7 and any other economic development factors which will aid Arkansas in
8 achieving its maximum potential in the coming century. The Commission's
9 "Ten-Year Economic Development Plan" shall include specific goals and
10 objectives which can be acted upon in order to accomplish the Plan's ultimate
11 goal of the improvement of Arkansas' economic standing among the states.

12 (c) The Commission shall present its "Ten-Year Economic Development
13 Plan" to the Governor, to the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission, and
14 to the members of the Arkansas General Assembly through its joint interim
15 committees no later than September 1, 1992.

16 (d) The Commission may accept funds from other public or private
17 sources to finance the development, research, and compilation of this "Ten-
18 Year Economic Development Plan", including any state or federal grant funds
19 appropriated under an EDA Planning Grant.

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21 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
22 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
24 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
27 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
28 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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31 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
33 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
34 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 SECTION 6. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
5 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
6 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
9 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
10 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
11 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
12 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 8. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
15 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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17 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
18 Seventy-Eighth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of
19 Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year
20 period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1991 is essential to the
21 operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided,
22 and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the
23 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1991 could work irreparable harm
24 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
25 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
26 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
27 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1991.

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29 /s/Russ

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