

1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1531

5 By: Representative Woods  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC  
9 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A GRANT FOR THE  
10 ARKANSAS WORLD TRADE CENTER; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
15 COMMISSION - A GRANT FOR THE ARKANSAS WORLD  
16 TRADE CENTER GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
17 APPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WORLD TRADE CENTER. There is  
24 hereby appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
25 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
26 following:

27 (A) for a grant for the Arkansas World Trade Center for personal  
28 services, operating expenses, materials, equipment, renovations, construction  
29 and maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$300,000.  
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31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or



1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

7 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
8 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
9 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
10 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
11 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
12 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
13 otherwise by law.

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15 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
17 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
18 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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24 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.