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A Bill

SENATE BILL 106

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, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR
16 THE 2017-2018 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
23 Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018
30	(1) U055U	AEDC DIRECTOR	1	\$141,104
31	(2) U105U	AEDC DEP DIR FINANCE & ADMIN	1	\$121,037
32	(3) U059U	AEDC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$121,037
33	(4) U063U	ASTA DIRECTOR	1	\$108,628
34	(5) U099U	DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	\$91,102
35	(6) N180N	AEDC ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE DIR.	1	GRADE N908
36	(7) N062N	AEDC BUSINESS DEV DIV DIR	1	GRADE N908



1	(8)	N061N	AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
2	(9)	N059N	AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
3	(10)	N085N	AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE N907
4	(11)	N084N	AEDC MRKT & COMMUNICATIONS DIR	1	GRADE N907
5	(12)	N083N	AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N907
6	(13)	G033N	ASTA AMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
7	(14)	N094N	ASTA EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
8	(15)	G034N	ASTA ASST DIR. SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE N903
9	(16)	N196N	MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N903
10	(17)	G030N	ASTA ASST DIR OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE N902
11	(18)	B018N	ASTA FIELD ENGINEER	5	GRADE N902
12	(19)	G026N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MGMT SVS	1	GRADE N901
13	(20)	A002N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE N901
14	(21)	B015N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE N901
15	(22)	G035N	ASTA SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N901
16	(23)	G245C	AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEV & IMPROVE	1	GRADE C128
17	(24)	G014C	AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE C128
18	(25)	P002C	AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE C128
19	(26)	G013C	AEDC MANAGER OF STRATEGIC ENERGY DEV	1	GRADE C128
20	(27)	G015C	AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR.	1	GRADE C128
21	(28)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
22	(29)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C127
23	(30)	A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
24	(31)	G048C	AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE C126
25	(32)	B016C	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE C126
26	(33)	G062C	AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	40	GRADE C125
27	(34)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C124
28	(35)	D029C	SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE C124
29	(36)	R013C	AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
30	(37)	P004C	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
31	(38)	A041C	PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C122
32	(39)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
33	(40)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
34	(41)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
35	(42)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C121
36	(43)	G248C	ENERGY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120

1	(44)	G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
2	(45)	G148C	ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE C119
3	(46)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
4	(47)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE C118
5	(48)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
6	(49)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	5	GRADE C117
7	(50)	R027C	BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C117
8	(51)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	4	GRADE C117
9	(52)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
10	(53)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
11	(54)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C116
12	(55)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE C115
13	(56)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	7	GRADE C112
14	(57)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
15			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	119	

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
 18 Economic Development Commission for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following
 19 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 20 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6)
 21 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 22 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 23 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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25 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. There is
 26 hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -
 27 Division of Science and Technology for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the
 28 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 29 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two
 30 (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 31 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 32 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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34 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby
 35 authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services
 36 Division for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-

1 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 2 appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time
 3 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 4 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 5 for the appropriate classification.

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7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 9 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal
 10 services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the
 11 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal
 12 year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,357,050
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,365,766
19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,548,238
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
22 (C) PROF. FEES	1,765,000
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (05) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
26 GRANTS	1,000,000
27 (06) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	600,000
28 (07) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
29 (08) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	1,714,800
30 (09) FOR STATE MATCHING OF FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>228,500</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,600,840</u>

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33 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL.
 34 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development
 35 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
 36 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and

1 grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community
 2 Assistance (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the
 3 following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$302,337
8 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	102,379
9 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
12 (C) PROF. FEES	70,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	27,500,000
16 (05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
17 (06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$36,255,640</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE ENERGY PLAN - FEDERAL. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 22 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 23 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by
 24 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Energy Plan - Federal
 25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$181,286
30 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	66,931
31 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,273
33 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	36,788
34 (C) PROF. FEES	268,085
35 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36 (E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(04) ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>551,952</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,223,315</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS - CASH. There is
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 6 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 7 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating
 8 expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
 9 - Energy Efficiency Arkansas - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018,
 10 the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,119
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,984
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	93,900
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	750,000
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	0
22	(04) ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS GRANTS	<u>450,000</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,407,003</u></u>

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 25 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CLEAN CITIES COALITION - CASH. There is
 26 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 27 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 28 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and
 29 aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Clean Cities Coalition
 30 - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
34	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,750

1	(C) PROF. FEES	105,255
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(02) GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROJECTS	<u>55,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$189,005</u></u>

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7 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. There is hereby

8 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable

9 from the Technology Acceleration Fund, for investment incentives to enhance

10 the economy of the state through the Technology Acceleration Program of the

11 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Technology Development for the

12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
16	(01) TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$30,000,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby

19 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable

20 from the Economic Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects

21 as defined by Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Arkansas

22 Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year ending

23 June 30, 2018, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
27	(01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u><u>\$200,000,000</u></u>

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29 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There

30 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to

31 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

32 of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by

33 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Weather Assistance Program for

34 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$180,881
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	66,838
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,500
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,750
7	(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	2,000
11	(05) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<u>5,561,541</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,851,010</u></u>

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 14 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 16 payable from the New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and
 17 reimbursements of performance program application fees of the Arkansas
 18 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
 19 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
23	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$875,781</u></u>

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 25 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby
 26 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 27 from the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for
 28 incentives to attract new business and economic development to the State by
 29 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing Fund for
 30 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
34	(01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u><u>\$75,000,000</u></u>

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 36 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE

1 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and
 2 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 3 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services,
 4 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division of Science and
 5 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations
 6 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 NO.	<u>2017-2018</u>
10 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$693,788
11 (02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
12 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	221,154
13 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
16 (C) PROF. FEES	16,800
17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18 (E) DATA PROC.	0
19 (05) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH	
20 MATCH	292,653
21 (06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
22 (07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
23 (08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>6,500,000</u>
24 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,432,526</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED
 27 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of
 28 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 29 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 30 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in technology based
 31 businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic
 32 Development Commission - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year
 33 ending June 30, 2018, the following:

35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 NO.	<u>2017-2018</u>

1 (01) INVESTMENTS \$1,900,000

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3 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 4 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby
 5 appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas
 6 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
 7 Agencies Fund Account, for grants by the Division of Science and Technology
 8 of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing
 9 Extension Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the
 10 following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

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16 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 17 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 18 appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas
 19 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as
 20 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services,
 21 operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services by the Division of
 22 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -
 23 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending
 24 June 30, 2018, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$183,873
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,771
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	

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1	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	240,000
2	(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>325,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$814,928</u></u>

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5 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

6 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas

8 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited

9 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

10 for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Division

11 of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -

12 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending

13 June 30, 2018, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$548,794
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	168,328
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
22	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
26	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,415,952</u></u>

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29 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR

30 TRACK III - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of

31 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

32 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

33 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by

34 the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development

35 Commission - EPSCOR Track III - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,

36 2018, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,054,921
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	295,378
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,050,173
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
9	(C) PROF. FEES	0
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	0
12	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER	
13	GRANTS & AID	17,169,528
14	(05) INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION	30,000
15	(06) EXTERNAL EVALUATORS	<u>400,000</u>
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,000,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR

19 RII - TRACK 2 PLANT BIOIMAGING. There is hereby appropriated, to the

20 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development

21 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

22 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the

23 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development

24 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR RII - Federal for the fiscal year ending June

25 30, 2018, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
29	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$34,280
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	133,200
32	(C) PROF. FEES	55,500
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	0
35	(02) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER	
36	GRANTS & AID	<u>2,909,850</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$3,132,830

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3 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY
 4 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science
 5 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 6 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 7 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the
 8 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development
 9 Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 10 2018, the following:

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12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
14 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17 (C) PROF. FEES	0
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	0
20 (02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>90,000</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$150,000</u>

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23 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 24 ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of
 25 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 26 payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to
 27 accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based
 28 development of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas
 29 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal
 30 year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
34 (01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u>\$18,700,000</u>

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36 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM

1 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science
 2 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 3 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 4 Fiscal Officer of the State, for STEM Program expenses of the Division of
 5 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem
 6 Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
10 (01) STEM PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$40,000</u>

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 12 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 13 INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science
 14 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 15 from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for a grant to transfer to the Innovate
 16 Arkansas Fund for personal services and operating expenses of the Division of
 17 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -
 18 Innovate Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
22 (01) INNOVATE ARKANSAS TRANSFER	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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 24 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
 26 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
 27 Agencies Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants
 28 and aid by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
 29 Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the
 30 following:

32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
34 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$126,312
35 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
36 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,317

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
8	(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	500,000
9	(07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,243,767</u></u>

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12 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.
 13 There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
 14 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 15 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 16 for conference expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
 17 Economic Development Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending
 18 June 30, 2018, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
22	(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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24 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL
 25 RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services
 26 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from
 27 the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for providing grants to counties or
 28 municipalities for infrastructure, construction, renovation, personal
 29 services and maintenance and operations for animal rescues or animal shelters
 30 by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
 31 Commission - Animal Rescue/Shelters Grants for the fiscal year ending June
 32 30, 2018, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
36	(01) ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS & AID	<u><u>\$5,328</u></u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for maintenance and operating expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</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><u>\$45,395</u></u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ARKANSAS UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Unpaved Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM GRANTS & AIDS OR OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>

SECTION 31. 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 utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital

1 acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific
2 training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry
3 training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint
4 Budget Committee.

5 The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
6 2017 through July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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8 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
10 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby
11 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public
12 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of
13 operating foreign offices. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed
14 restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard
15 Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices
16 and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established
17 by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
19 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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21 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
23 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
24 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance
25 (CDBG) - Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
26 allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside
27 from the ~~Economic Development Set-Aside~~ annual Community Development Block
28 Grant, as defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed with the federal
29 Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds allocated to the Rural
30 Development Set-Aside are to be used exclusively for grants to rural
31 communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
33 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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

1 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all
 2 applications for grant funds ~~from the Rural Development Set-Aside~~ and shall
 3 certify ~~to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development~~
 4 ~~Commission~~ those applications eligible for grant funds under AEDC and federal
 5 guidelines. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
 6 Commission alone shall ~~decide~~ recommend which grant applications will be
 7 funded, and AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the Rural Development Set-
 8 Aside to those applicants receiving final approval by the Rural Services
 9 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural
 10 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall
 11 promulgate rules and regulations governing the application for and
 12 disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an
 13 annual report of the disposition of these grant funds shall be made to the
 14 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
 16 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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 18 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 20 PROVISION - FOREIGN OFFICES. If at any time during the fiscal year, the
 21 Director determines that market conditions warrant, the Arkansas Economic
 22 Development Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation, after
 23 receiving the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior
 24 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, ~~between~~ among
 25 the Foreign Offices in the State Operations Section of this Act for the
 26 purpose of responding to changes in the world markets.

27 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
 28 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
 29 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
 30 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
 31 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
 32 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
 33 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
 34 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
 35 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
 36 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly

1 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
 2 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
 3 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
 4 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
 5 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
 6 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
 8 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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 10 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 12 PROVISION - SAVINGS TRANSFERS. If at any time during the fiscal year,
 13 savings are accomplished in the appropriation provided for "~~Far East~~
 14 ~~Trade/Industry Recruitment~~" "Global Business Initiatives" and "Regular
 15 Salaries" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation
 16 savings may be transferred to the appropriations made for "Maintenance and
 17 General Operations" in the State Operations Section of this Act after prior
 18 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition,
 19 if at any time during the fiscal year, savings are accomplished in the
 20 appropriation provided for "Maintenance and General Operations" in the State
 21 Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation savings may be transferred
 22 to the appropriation for "~~Far East Trade/Industry Recruitment~~" "Global
 23 Business Initiatives" and in the State Operations Section of this Act, after
 24 prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

25 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
 26 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
 27 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
 28 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
 29 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
 30 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
 31 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
 32 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
 33 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
 34 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
 35 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
 36 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of

1 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
2 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
3 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
4 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
6 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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8 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
10 PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving approval
11 from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the
12 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas
13 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from
14 any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -
15 Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the
16 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
34 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

35
36 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

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

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

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
 25 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

26
 27 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 29 PROVISION - INDUSTRY TRAINING. If during the fiscal year, the Industry
 30 Training Division effects savings in the Industry Training Program line item
 31 within the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be
 32 transferred to the Maintenance and General Operations line item of the State
 33 Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal
 34 Officer of the State and after prior review by the Legislative Council or
 35 Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if any savings are effected in the
 36 fiscal year in the Maintenance and General Operations line item of the State

1 Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to the
 2 Industry Training Program line item within the State Operations Section of
 3 this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
 4 and after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
 5 Committee.

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

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
 23 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

24
 25 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
 27 TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from time to
 28 time on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of
 29 the State the sum not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) from
 30 Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the
 31 Technology Acceleration Fund to provide funds for the appropriation herein.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
 33 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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 35 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

1 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic
2 Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to
3 the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private
4 funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic
5 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development
6 Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of
7 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary
8 and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries
9 established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in
10 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted
11 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to
12 unclassified employees.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
14 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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16 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
18 FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the
19 Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
20 Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be
21 carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent
22 and purposes as set forth in law.

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

25 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2017~~2018 the Agency shall by written statement set
26 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
27 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

35 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
36 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee

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

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

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 11 ~~2016~~2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~2018.

12
 13 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED
 15 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding
 16 general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the
 17 repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the Division of Science
 18 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, shall be
 19 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Miscellaneous Agencies
 20 Fund Account and shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to
 21 be made available solely for the benefit of the Division of Science and
 22 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to provide
 23 additional Seed Capital Investments.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
 25 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

26
 27 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 29 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of
 30 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward
 31 an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the
 32 Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology -
 33 State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants
 34 which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2017~~ 2018 to be used for the same
 35 purpose.

36 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may

1 be carried forward under the following conditions:

2 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018 the Agency shall by written statement set
3 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
4 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
24 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

25
26 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
28 BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available
29 balances received by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas
30 Economic Development Commission from Client Services provided through the
31 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Federal appropriation, shall be
32 transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Cash Fund
33 Account.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
35 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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1 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 3 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief
 4 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the ~~Division of Science and~~
 5 ~~Technology of the~~ Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to
 6 transfer appropriation and funds from the Division of Science and Technology
 7 State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the
 8 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The
 9 total of all transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 11 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

13 SECTION 47. 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 Rural Services Division of the
 16 Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to retain and utilize
 17 for administrative cost purposes up to one and one half percent (1.5%) of the
 18 total amount of any General Improvement Fund moneys received for projects
 19 authorized for disbursement through the division by the General Assembly.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 21 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

23 SECTION 48. 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 Rural Services Division of the
 26 Arkansas Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 27 State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from time to time, shall cause
 28 to be transferred on his books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor
 29 of State, an amount not to exceed one and one half percent (1.5%) from the
 30 various sub funds created in any General Improvement Fund, established for
 31 disbursement through the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
 32 Development Commission, to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.
 33 The funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from the
 34 various sub funds established in any General Improvement Fund pursuant to
 35 this section shall be made available and utilized solely by the Rural
 36 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for

1 maintenance and general operations costs.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
3 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

4
5 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

7 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish,
8 upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special
9 appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
10 When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its
11 operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to
12 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by
13 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

14 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
15 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
16 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
17 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
18 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
19 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly
20 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
21 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
22 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.

23 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
24 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
25 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this Section. The requirement of
26 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
27 severable part of this Section. If the requirement of approval by the
28 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
29 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

30 The provisions of this Section shall be in effect only from July 1,
31 ~~2016~~2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~2018.

32
33 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

35 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June
36 30, of each fiscal year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the

1 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission that
2 were transferred from the various sub funds created in any General
3 Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund projects
4 shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made available to
5 the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
6 and utilized for the same purpose during the following fiscal year.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
8 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

9
10 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY
12 FAIR GRANTS. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
13 Commission shall develop the necessary rules and regulations for the
14 disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for the construction,
15 renovation and/or improvements to county fair grounds. The grants shall be
16 matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county fair
17 shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
19 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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21 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
23 AWARD CRITERIA. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
24 Development Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the criteria
25 to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this Act.
26 Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas
27 Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Rural Services
28 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall distribute the
29 grants.

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

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

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
12 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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14 SECTION 53. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
15 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
17 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 54. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
26 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
27 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 55. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
34 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
35 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

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