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4

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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:

14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15 NO.	2017-2018
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	228,500
31 (10) OFFICE OF TRANSFORMATION EXPENSES	<u>1,000,000</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$14,600,840</u>

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 34 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL.  
 35 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 36 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

1 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and  
 2 grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community  
 3 Assistance (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the  
 4 following:

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

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

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

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>551,952</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,223,315</u></u>

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5 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS - CASH. There is

6 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

7 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

8 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating

9 expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission

10 - Energy Efficiency Arkansas - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018,

11 the following:

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

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26 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CLEAN CITIES COALITION - CASH. There is

27 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

28 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

29 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and

30 aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Clean Cities Coalition

31 - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,750
2	(C) PROF. FEES	105,255
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(02) GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROJECTS	<u>55,000</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$189,005</u></u>

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8 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. There is hereby  
 9 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
 10 from the Technology Acceleration Fund, for investment incentives to enhance  
 11 the economy of the state through the Technology Acceleration Program of the  
 12 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Technology Development for the  
 13 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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

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19 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby  
 20 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
 21 from the Economic Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects  
 22 as defined by Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Arkansas  
 23 Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year ending  
 24 June 30, 2018, the following:

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

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30 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There  
 31 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to  
 32 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 33 of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by  
 34 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Weather Assistance Program for  
 35 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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

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

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
2	(01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,900,000</u>

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

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

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

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$183,873
30	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,771
31	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
34	(C) PROF. FEES	0
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36	(E) DATA PROC.	0

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

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6 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -  
7 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby  
8 appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas  
9 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited  
10 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
11 for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Division  
12 of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -  
13 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending  
14 June 30, 2018, the following:

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

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30 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR  
31 TRACK III - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of  
32 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be  
33 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
34 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by  
35 the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development  
36 Commission - EPSCOR Track III - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2018, the following:

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

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19 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR  
 20 RII - TRACK 2 PLANT BIOIMAGING. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 21 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 22 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief  
 23 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the  
 24 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 25 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR RII - Federal for the fiscal year ending June  
 26 30, 2018, the following:

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

1	GRANTS & AID	<u>2,909,850</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,132,830</u></u>

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4 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY

5 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science

6 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable

7 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

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

9 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development

10 Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,

11 2018, the following:

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

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24 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

25 ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of

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

27 payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to

28 accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based

29 development of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas

30 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal

31 year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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

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1 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM  
 2 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science  
 3 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
 4 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 5 Fiscal Officer of the State, for STEM Program expenses of the Division of  
 6 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem  
 7 Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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

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

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

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

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

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,317
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
9	(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	500,000
10	(07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,243,767</u></u>

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## 13 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.

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

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

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## 25 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL

26 RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services  
 27 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from  
 28 the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for providing grants to counties or  
 29 municipalities for infrastructure, construction, renovation, personal  
 30 services and maintenance and operations for animal rescues or animal shelters  
 31 by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 32 Commission - Animal Rescue/Shelters Grants for the fiscal year ending June  
 33 30, 2018, the following:

34

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

1 (01) ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS & AID \$5,328

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

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
12 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$45,395
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
15 (C) PROF. FEES	0
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$45,395</u>

19

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

27

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

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33 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY  
 35 TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
 36 (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds



1 for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital  
2 acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific  
3 training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry  
4 training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint  
5 Budget Committee.

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

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

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

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

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 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT  
2 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all  
3 applications for grant funds ~~from the Rural Development Set-Aside~~ and shall  
4 certify ~~to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development~~  
5 ~~Commission~~ those applications eligible for grant funds under AEDC and federal  
6 guidelines. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development  
7 Commission alone shall ~~decide~~ recommend which grant applications will be  
8 funded, and AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the Rural Development Set-  
9 Aside to those applicants receiving final approval by the Rural Services  
10 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural  
11 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall  
12 promulgate rules and regulations governing the application for and  
13 disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an  
14 annual report of the disposition of these grant funds shall be made to the  
15 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~  
17 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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

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

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

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~  
9 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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

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

35 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly  
36 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or

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

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

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

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

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 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
3 FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas  
4 Economic Development Commission within this Act relating to the appropriation  
5 in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section shall be used only when  
6 necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and  
7 shall require approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
8 Committee.

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

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~  
26 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
2 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic  
3 Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to  
4 the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private  
5 funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic  
6 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development  
7 Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of  
8 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary  
9 and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries  
10 established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in  
11 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted  
12 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to  
13 unclassified employees.

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

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

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

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

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

36 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written

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

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

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

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

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~  
26 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~  
36 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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2 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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

13  
14 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GENERAL  
16 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. The Rural Services Division of the  
17 Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to retain and utilize  
18 for administrative cost purposes up to one and one half percent (1.5%) of the  
19 total amount of any General Improvement Fund moneys received for projects  
20 authorized for disbursement through the division by the General Assembly.

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

23  
24 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
26 TRANSFER. Upon request of the Director of the Rural Services Division of the  
27 Arkansas Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
28 State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from time to time, shall cause  
29 to be transferred on his books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor  
30 of State, an amount not to exceed one and one half percent (1.5%) from the  
31 various sub funds created in any General Improvement Fund, established for  
32 disbursement through the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic  
33 Development Commission, to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

34 The funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from the  
35 various sub funds established in any General Improvement Fund pursuant to  
36 this section shall be made available and utilized solely by the Rural

1 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for  
2 maintenance and general operations costs.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
4 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

36 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June

1 30, of each fiscal year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the  
2 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission that  
3 were transferred from the various sub funds created in any General  
4 Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund projects  
5 shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made available to  
6 the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
7 and utilized for the same purpose during the following fiscal year.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
9 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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15 *SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE*  
16 *ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL OR TEMPORARY LAW.*  
17 *FUNDING TRANSFER. Upon notification from the Information Network of Arkansas*  
18 *Board of a positive vote of the Board to approve the transfer of funds and*  
19 *the amount approved not to exceed the amount authorized herein, the Chief*  
20 *Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of*  
21 *the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State a sum not to exceed one million*  
22 *dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Information Network of Arkansas Fund to the*  
23 *Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to provide funds*  
24 *exclusively for the Office of Transformation.*

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26 *SECTION 54. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.* Disbursement of funds  
27 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
28 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
29 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
30 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
31 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
32 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
33 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
34 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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36 *SECTION 55. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.* It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
2 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
3 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
4 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
5 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
6 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
7 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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9 SECTION 56. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
10 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
11 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of  
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm  
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.  
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