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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: *Joint Budget Committee***

A Bill

ACT 874 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 2055

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
9 ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ARKANSAS
10 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
15 AT LITTLE ROCK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
16 APPROPRIATION."

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

20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
21 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the General
22 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:
23 (A) For the operation of the Arkansas Small Business Development
24 Center, the sum of \$500,000 for each fiscal year of the biennial period ending
25 June 30, 1997.

27 SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The General Assembly finds and declares that in
28 1994 alone the Arkansas Small Business Development Center assisted 140 clients
29 in obtaining loans totaling approximately \$35,000,000, providing more than
30 11,000 hours of professional consulting, conducted 218 seminars for 4,155
31 attendees in 49 Arkansas cities utilizing 84 business people as volunteer
32 speakers. In the event that federal dollars from the U.S. Small Business
33 Administration for the Arkansas Small Business Development Center are reduced
34 or eliminated, thousands of Arkansas small business people could be adversely
35 affected. Therefore, the General Assembly hereby proposes to mitigate against
36 these potential losses by providing funds for the ongoing operations of the

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1 Arkansas Small Business Development Center at the University of Arkansas at
2 Little Rock and its offices statewide.

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4 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
5 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
6 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
7 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
8 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
9 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
10 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
11 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
12 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
13 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
14 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
15 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this Act.

16 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
17 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
18 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this
19 State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
20 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
21 disbursement of any funds provided by this Act unless specifically provided
22 otherwise by law.

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

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SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eightieth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1995 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1995 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1995.

/s/Rep. E. Thicksten

APPROVED: 4-3-95

