

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 83rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2001  
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*As Engrossed: S3/5/01*

# A Bill

**Act 757 of 2001**  
SENATE BILL 500

5 By: *Joint Budget Committee*  
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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BUREAU OF  
10 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH DISBURSING OFFICER FOR EXPENSES  
11 OF A STUDY OF ARKANSAS' ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AND  
12 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## **Subtitle**

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15 AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
16 RESEARCH DISBURSING OFFICER - ECONOMIC  
17 INCENTIVE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
18 PROGRAM STUDY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
19 APPROPRIATION.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - STUDY EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated,  
26 to the Bureau of Legislative Research Disbursing Officer, to be payable from  
27 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
28 following:  
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30 (A) For expenses of having a study contracted by the Legislative Council to  
31 evaluate Arkansas' current economic incentive and business development laws,  
32 regulations and policies compared to efforts in other states and to make  
33 recommendations for improvements, the sum of .....\$150,000.  
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35 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
36 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REQUEST FOR

1 PROPOSAL. As soon as funds become available, the Legislative Council shall  
 2 distribute a Request for Proposal for studying the current economic and  
 3 business development incentives in Arkansas, including but not limited to  
 4 strengths and weaknesses of each of Arkansas' current programs, the ability to  
 5 compete with other states, barriers to successful competition, and  
 6 recommendations for future legislation. All state agencies are directed to  
 7 cooperate fully with the successful vendor and with the Legislative Council in  
 8 making such information available and in such form as the Legislative Council  
 9 determines is required to fully examine Arkansas' current economic and  
 10 business development incentive programs.

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

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 21 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 22 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 23 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
 24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the  
 25 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the  
 26 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date  
 27 of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the proper  
 28 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an  
 29 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the  
 30 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full  
 31 force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.

32 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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 35 APPROVED: 3/13/2001