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2 84th General Assembly

A Bill

Act 1123 of 2003

3 Regular Session, 2003

SENATE BILL 380

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE
12 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
18 DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE
19 2003-2005 BIENNIUM.

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

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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Economic Development for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following
26 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
27 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
28 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
29 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual
30 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of
31 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying
32 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the
33 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),
34 or its successor.

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Maximum Annual



1				Maximum	Salary Rate	
2	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
3	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2003-2004	2004-2005
4	(1)	9900	ADED DIRECTOR	1	\$108,798	\$111,172
5	(2)	9813	ADED DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$92,959	\$95,110
6	(3)	9910	AEDC ENERGY DIR OF ESTABLISH INDUST	1	\$86,436	\$88,479
7	(4)	9817	DIR OF MINORITY BUSINESS PROGRAMS	1	\$86,436	\$88,479
8	(5)	9814	ADED DIRECTOR MARKETING	1	\$86,436	\$88,479
9	(6)	9812	ADED DIR INDUST FINANCE	1	\$86,436	\$88,479
10	(7)	9811	ADED DEPUTY DIR ECONOMIC DEV PLANNIN	1	\$86,436	\$88,479
11	(8)	9810	ADED DIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1	\$86,436	\$88,479
12	(9)	9793	ED DEPUTY DIRECTOR TRAINING	1	\$86,436	\$88,479
13	(10)	9816	POL C COMPLIANCE ASST COORD	1	\$81,968	\$83,925
14	(11)	9755	ADED ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT	1	\$81,968	\$83,925
15	(12)	9754	ADED ADMR/EVAL/PLAN & MGMT SYSTEM	1	\$64,570	\$66,197
16	(13)	7355	ADED INVESTMENTS MANAGER/ASIA	1	\$64,570	\$66,197
17	(14)	906Z	ADED RESEARCH MANAGER	1	GRADE 25	
18	(15)	977Z	STATE ENERGY DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 25	
19	(16)	R379	STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER III	19	GRADE 25	
20	(17)	R080	STATISTICAL ANALYSIS MANAGER	1	GRADE 24	
21	(18)	D100	DP SENIOR PROJECT LEADER	1	GRADE 23	
22	(19)	909Z	PROGRAM SUPPORT MANAGER	2	GRADE 22	
23	(20)	A032	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	2	GRADE 22	
24	(21)	E051	TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	3	GRADE 22	
25	(22)	R127	ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM ADMR	2	GRADE 22	
26	(23)	A008	ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR II	1	GRADE 21	
27	(24)	D036	SR PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	1	GRADE 21	
28	(25)	E049	INDUSTRIAL COORDINATOR	13	GRADE 21	
29	(26)	N293	DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 21	
30	(27)	R348	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT	5	GRADE 21	
31	(28)	A038	FINANCIAL ANALYST	1	GRADE 20	
32	(29)	D121	USER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE 20	
33	(30)	N333	MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 20	
34	(31)	R004	STATE ENERGY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE 20	
35	(32)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	7	GRADE 20	
36	(33)	R150	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE 19	

1	(34)	R168	GRANTS COORDINATOR II	2	GRADE 19
2	(35)	A111	ACCOUNTANT	1	GRADE 18
3	(36)	D128	P C SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 18
4	(37)	N328	INFORMATION OFFICER II	1	GRADE 18
5	(38)	V040	PURCHASE AGENT II/PURCHASE AGENT	1	GRADE 18
6	(39)	N290	COMMERCIAL ARTIST II/GRAPHIC ART II	2	GRADE 17
7	(40)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	9	GRADE 17
8	(41)	R190	PERSONNEL OFFICER II	2	GRADE 17
9	(42)	V030	INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE 17
10	(43)	R148	RESEARCH ASSISTANT	1	GRADE 15
11	(44)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	3	GRADE 14
12	(45)	K153	SECRETARY II	<u>5</u>	GRADE 13
13			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	110	

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15 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of
 16 Economic Development for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number
 17 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 18 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: *eleven (11)* temporary or
 19 part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 20 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 21 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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23 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out
 25 herein, to the Department of Economic Development for the biennial period
 26 ending June 30, 2005, the following:

27 (a) For the Business Development Program, the sum of \$4,490,790 for the
 28 2003-2004 fiscal year and \$4,490,790 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

29 (1) Program Description. Business Development partners with various
 30 constituencies to generate opportunity through the efficient use of available
 31 resources to support the growth and retention of existing businesses, to
 32 foster entrepreneurship and to recruit new and higher paying jobs to
 33 Arkansas. This will include the promotion of a regional concept in the
 34 establishment of new business and industry.

35 (2) Appropriation payable from: FISCAL YEARS
 36 2003-2004 2004-2005

1	(A) General Revenue:		
2	Department of Economic		
3	Development Fund Account	\$ <u>4,365,503</u>	\$ <u>4,365,503</u>
4	TOTAL General Revenue	\$ 4,365,503	\$ 4,365,503
5	(B) Federal Funds as designated by		
6	the Chief Fiscal Officer of the		
7	State	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
8	(C) Appropriated Cash Funds	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500
9	(D) Other Funds	\$ 23,567	\$ 8,500
10	(3) Performance Targets:		
11	(A) Average salaries of new jobs		
12	proposed - Percentage above		
13	state average	5	5
14	(B) Average cost/benefit ratio for		
15	projects involving ADED		
16	incentives.	2:1	2:1
17	(C) Number of job opportunities		
18	announced by all businesses in		
19	Arkansas seeking assistance from		
20	ADED. (Using a three-year moving		
21	average.)	6,901	6,901
22	(D) Funding committed to Arkansas		
23	businesses (includes funds from		
24	federal & state sources and tax		
25	credits). (Using a three-year		
26	moving average.)	\$ 67M	\$ 67M
27	(E) Number of trade shows and trade		
28	missions attended, which		
29	<i>facilitate promotion of Arkansas.</i>	6	6
30	(F) Number of marketing assists		
31	provided to Arkansas businesses.		
32	(Using a three-year moving		
33	average.)	1000	1000
34	(G) Number of businesses receiving		
35	international trade assistance		
36	from ADED.	76	77

1	(H) Number of small or minority		
2	businesses receiving assistance		
3	from ADED.	500	500
4	(I) Number of site visits to existing	1500	1500
5	businesses and industries		
6	(J) Total amount of new capital investment		
7	announced by all businesses in Arkansas		
8	seeking assistance from the Arkansas		
9	Department of Economic Development (using		
10	a three year moving average).	\$ 834M	\$ 834M

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12 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby
 13 appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out
 14 herein, to the Department of Economic Development for the biennial period
 15 ending June 30, 2005, the following:

16 (a) For the Community Development Program, the sum of \$40,563,837 for the
 17 2003-2004 fiscal year and \$40,563,837 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

18 (1) Program Description. The Community Development Program increases
 19 communities' capacity for action through strategic planning and the
 20 development of projects that improve the local economy and quality of life
 21 for current and future generations.

22	(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
23		<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
24	(A) General Revenue:		
25	Department of Economic		
26	Development Fund Account	\$ <u>535,767</u>	\$ <u>535,767</u>
27	TOTAL General Revenue	\$ 535,767	\$ 535,767
28	(B) Federal Funds as designated by		
29	the Chief Fiscal Officer of the		
30	State	\$ 38,998,050	\$ 38,998,050
31	(C) Other Funds	\$ 636,650	\$ 350,000

32	(3) Performance Targets:		
33	(A) Increase in the number of		
34	communities participating in the		
35	ACE process.	119	131
36	(B) Increase in the number of		

1	communities that demonstrate the		
2	use of a strategic planning		
3	process to evaluate needs prior		
4	to submitting a CDBG grant		
5	request.	6	7
6	(C) Percentage of CDBG funds		
7	distributed to locations with a		
8	population of 5,000 or less.	75	75
9	(D) Percentage of CDBG projects		
10	distributed through need based		
11	funding formulas.	70	70
12	(E) Percentage of CDBG projects		
13	identified as priority needs		
14	within the consolidated plan		
15	submitted to HUD that were		
16	funded.	100	100
17	(F) Number of Energy Office outreach		
18	activities completed per year,		
19	including educational seminars,		
20	demonstrations, etc.	27	28

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22 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAM. There is
 23 hereby appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set
 24 out herein, to the Department of Economic Development for the biennial period
 25 ending June 30, 2005, the following:

26 (a) For the Administration and Support Program, the sum of \$5,015,207 for
 27 the 2003-2004 fiscal year and \$5,015,207 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

28 (1) Program Description. The Administration and Support Program provides
 29 the ancillary services necessary for the Business Development and Community
 30 Development programs to achieve their goals and objectives. This program
 31 includes traditional administrative support as well as research, planning,
 32 technology, marketing and communications services.

33	(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
34		<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>

35 (A) General Revenue:
 36 Department of Economic

1	Development Fund Account	\$	<u>4,598,999</u>	\$	<u>4,598,999</u>
2	TOTAL General Revenue	\$	4,598,999	\$	4,598,999
3	(B) Federal Funds as designated by				
4	the Chief Fiscal Officer of the				
5	State	\$	368,787	\$	368,787
6	(C) Appropriated Cash Funds	\$	500	\$	500
7	(D) Other Funds	\$	1,526	\$	1,500
8	(3) Performance Targets:				
9	(A) Percentage of agency performance				
10	targets met.		100		100
11	(B) Percentage of staff and budget				
12	in administration compared to				
13	total agency budget.		20		20
14	(C) Agency information technology				
15	budget as a percentage of total				
16	agency budget.		5		5
17	(D) Number of legacy information				
18	systems maintained through				
19	contractual services.		0		0
20	(E) Number of prior year audit				
21	findings repeated in subsequent				
22	audit.		0		0
23	(F) Percentage of advertising funds spent in				
24	support of the Business				
25	<i>Development goals.</i>		85		90
26	(G) Percentage of advertising funds spent in				
27	support of the Community				
28	<i>Development goals.</i>		15		10

30 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
 31 of Economic Development, to be payable from the Department of Economic
 32 Development Super Project Fund, for Super Projects of the Department of
 33 Economic Development, for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the
 34 following:

36 ITEM

FISCAL YEARS

NO.	2003-2004	2004-2005
(01) E D SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$ 200,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 200,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,000,000</u>

SECTION 7. SUPER PROJECTS FUND. There is hereby created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Department of Economic Development Super Projects Fund. The fund shall consist of such funds as may be provided by law, there to be used for Economic Development Super Projects of the Department of Economic Development.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD. The unexpended balances of appropriation provided for the expenditures of federal funds as provided for the Community Development Program on June 30, 2004, shall be carried forward and made available for expenditures for the Community Development Block Grant Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD. The unexpended balances of appropriation provided for the expenditures of federal funds as provided for in Section 5 of this Act on ~~June 30, 2002~~ June 30, 2004, shall be carried forward and made available for expenditures for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. POOL POSITIONS. There is hereby established a pool of thirteen (13) positions entitled State Economic Developer III to be assigned to the Arkansas Department of Economic Development Commission which will be used to reclassify personnel from State Economic Developer I and/or State Economic

1 Developer II. To obtain a position from the pool, the Arkansas Department of
2 Economic Development Commission must seek a review by the Legislative Council
3 or Joint Budget Committee, obtain approval from the Office of Personnel
4 Management and must surrender the position being reclassified to the pool.
5 This will ensure that the total positions available to be filled does not
6 exceed the number authorized in the Agency's appropriation Act. If the agency
7 requests continuation of a "Growth Pool" position(s) as established herein
8 during the next biennium, the position(s) must be requested as a new
9 position(s) in the agency's biennial budget request. The provisions of this
10 section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June~~
11 ~~30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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13 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
15 FORWARD. At the close of the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2002~~ June 30, 2004,
16 any unexpended appropriation provided for the Century Tube Scholarship
17 Program, not to exceed \$30,000, within the appropriation for the
18 Administration and Support Program shall be carried forward and made
19 available for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2003~~ June
20 30, 2005. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1,~~
21 ~~2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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23 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ~~CAPITAL~~
25 ~~EQUIPMENT~~ INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. In addition to training
26 expenses, funds made available to support the appropriation for INDUSTRY
27 TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES herein within the appropriation for the Business
28 Development Program shall be used to acquire capital equipment necessary to
29 enhance the ~~quick-start~~ capabilities of the Arkansas Industry Training
30 Programs and for expenses necessary to assist in carrying on the Existing
31 Worker Training Program. When not in use in an AITP managed course of
32 training, the equipment purchased under this provision shall be stored at a
33 location to be determined by the Executive Director, ~~AEDC~~ ADED. The
34 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1,
35 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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1 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
3 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Department of Economic Development Office is
4 hereby authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or
5 public companies, corporations or organizations for the purpose of operating
6 foreign offices. ~~Payment for such contractual arrangements for operations~~
7 ~~may be made from the special line items established by legislative~~
8 ~~appropriation for the operation of foreign offices.~~ At such time as any of
9 the foreign offices are being operated under such a contractual arrangement,
10 no Overseas Program personnel as authorized by Arkansas Code 15-4-211 shall
11 be employed concurrently with a contractual arrangement with a company,
12 corporation or organization. Arkansas Code 15-4-211 shall not be deemed
13 restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard
14 Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices
15 and/or payment of such contracts ~~from the special line items as established~~
16 ~~by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.~~ The
17 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1,
18 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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20 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CDBG
22 REVIEW PROCESS. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
23 administered by the Arkansas Department of Economic Development will be
24 reviewed quarterly by the CDBG subcommittee of Legislative Council. The
25 subcommittee will consist of Legislative Council members and other
26 legislative members designated by the Legislative Council chairmen. The
27 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1,
28 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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30 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MULTI-USE
32 FACILITIES. The Arkansas Department of Economic Development (ADED) shall
33 structure its annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new
34 Five Year Consolidated Plan to reflect the legislative intent for a priority
35 to be placed on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for
36 Multi-use facilities that will offer combined facilities for programs

1 commonly offered in separate facilities such as senior centers, public health
2 centers, childcare centers and community centers. ADED shall report the
3 methodology for complying with this priority to the CDBG subcommittee of
4 Legislative Council. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only
5 from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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7 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC
9 PARTICIPATION. Arkansas Department of Economic Development (ADED) shall make
10 additional efforts to increase non-traditional public participation in its
11 annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new Five Year
12 Consolidated Plan. These efforts shall be in addition to current public
13 notification methods. Notification should be considered through direct mail
14 out to mayors and county judges, contacts with planning and development
15 districts, contact with the Department of Rural Services, submissions to
16 grant notification publications, and publication on ADED's web page. ADED is
17 encouraged to develop additional innovative public awareness strategies.
18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July
19 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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21 SECTION 17. 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
25 Assistance-Federal, the Arkansas Department of Economic Development (ADED)
26 ~~Commission (AEDC)~~ shall allocate \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural
27 Development Set-Aside from the Economic Development Set-Aside, as defined in
28 ADED's AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing
29 and Urban Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside
30 are to be used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the
31 Consolidated Plan. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only
32 from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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34 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
36 COORDINATION. The Arkansas Department of Economic Development will designate

1 an existing position to serve as a coordinator for the dissemination of
2 information concerning water and wastewater funding programs available from
3 state and federal agencies participating in the Water/Wastewater Advisory
4 Committee. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July~~
5 ~~1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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7 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
9 REVIEW. The Arkansas Department of Economic Development (ADED)~~Commission~~
10 ~~(AEDC)~~ shall review all applications for grant funds from the Rural
11 Development Set-Aside and shall certify to the Department of Rural Services
12 those applications eligible for grant funds under ADED ~~AEDC~~ and federal
13 guidelines. The Department of Rural Services alone shall decide which grant
14 applications will be funded, and ADED ~~AEDC~~ shall disburse grant funds from
15 the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants receiving final approval
16 by the Department of Rural Services. ADED ~~AEDC~~ and the Department of Rural
17 Services shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the application for
18 and disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an
19 annual report of the disposition of these grant funds shall be made to the
20 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. The provisions of this section shall be
21 in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30,
22 2005.

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24 SECTION 20. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
25 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
26 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
27 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
28 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
29 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
30 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
31 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
32 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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34 SECTION 21. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
35 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
36 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act

1 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
2 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
3 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
4 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
5 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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7 SECTION 22. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
8 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
9 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
11 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
12 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
13 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
14 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
15 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
16 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
17 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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19 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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22 *APPROVED: 4/7/2003*
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