

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.

Act 986 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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As Engrossed: S3/30/07

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2085

5 By: Representative Chesterfield
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR ARKANSAS MINORITY
11 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
16 DEVELOPMENT - ARKANSAS MINORITY BUSINESS
17 DEVELOPMENT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
18 APPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - ARKANSAS MINORITY BUSINESS. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Department of Economic Development, to be payable from
24 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
25 following:

26 (A) For a grant for support of Arkansas Minority Business Development, the
27 sum of
28\$300,000.
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30 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS.
32 The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by
33 local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching
34 requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently
35 administered by the Department of Economic Development. The Department of



1 Economic Development may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent
2 of the General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in
3 Section 1 of this Act.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007
5 through June 30, 2009.

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7 SECTION 3. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as Senate
8 Bill 833 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for operational
9 support of the Arkansas Minority Business Development Roundtable for aid to
10 the Arkansas Minority Business Development shall instead be deemed to be for
11 a grant for support of Arkansas Minority Business Development.

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13 SECTION 4. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as House Bill
14 2501 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for operational support
15 of the Arkansas Minority Business Development Roundtable for aid to the
16 Arkansas Minority Business Development shall instead be deemed to be for a
17 grant for support of Arkansas Minority Business Development.

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19 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
20 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
21 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
22 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
23 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
24 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
25 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
26 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
27 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
28 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
29 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
30 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

31 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
32 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
33 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
34 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
35 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
36 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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2 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
3 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
4 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
5 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
6 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
7 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
8 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
9 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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11 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
12 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
13 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
16 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
17 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
18 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
19 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
20 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
21 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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23 /s/ Chesterfield

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25 APPROVED: 4/3/2007
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