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A Bill

SENATE BILL 43

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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7 **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, 2017; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC
16 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR
17 THE 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 fiscal year, the*
24 *following maximum number of regular employees.*
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				<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Annual</i>
				<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>		<i>Fiscal Year</i>	
	<i>NO.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>2016-2017</i>
30	(1)	U055U	AEDC DIRECTOR	1	\$139,706
31	(2)	U105U	AEDC DEP DIR FINANCE & ADMIN	1	\$119,839
32	(3)	U059U	AEDC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$119,839
33	(4)	U063U	ASTA DIRECTOR	1	\$107,553
34	(5)	U099U	DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	\$ 90,200
35	(6)	N180N	AEDC ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE DIR.	1	GRADE N908
36	(7)	N062N	AEDC BUSINESS DEVELOP. 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)	N186N	ASTA DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N907
7	(14)	G033N	ASTA AMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N907
8	(15)	N094N	ASTA EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
9	(16)	N196N	MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N903
10	(17)	G034N	ASTA ASST DIR. SALES & MARKETING	1	GRADE N903
11	(18)	G030N	ASTA ASST DIR. OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE N902
12	(19)	B018N	ASTA FIELD ENGINEER	7	GRADE N902
13	(20)	A002N	ASTA ASST DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE N901
14	(21)	B015N	ASTA ASST DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE N901
15	(22)	G035N	ASTA SALES & MARKET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N901
16	(23)	G245C	AEDC DIR OF COMM DEV & IMPROVE	1	GRADE C128
17	(24)	G014C	AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOP	1	GRADE C128
18	(25)	P002C	AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE C128
19	(26)	G013C	AEDC MANAGER OF STRAT. ENERGY DEV.	1	GRADE C128
20	(27)	G015C	AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE C128
21	(28)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE C128
22	(29)	A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
23	(30)	G048C	AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE C126
24	(31)	B016C	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE C126
25	(32)	R006C	HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
26	(33)	G062C	AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	39	GRADE C125
27	(34)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	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)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
32	(39)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
33	(40)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
34	(41)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C121
35	(42)	G248C	ENERGY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
36	(43)	G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120

1	(44)	G148C	ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE C119
2	(45)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
3	(46)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSIST. TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE C118
4	(47)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
5	(48)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	4	GRADE C117
6	(49)	R027C	BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C117
7	(50)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	5	GRADE C117
8	(51)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
9	(52)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
10	(53)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C116
11	(54)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
12	(55)	R033C	BENEFITS ANALYST	1	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	121	

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
 18 Economic Development Commission for the 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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, 2017, the following:

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2016-2017</i></u>
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,474,533
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,393,733
19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,548,238
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
22 (C) PROF. FEES	2,215,000
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (05) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
26 GRANTS	1,000,000
27 (06) FAR EAST TRADE/IND RECRUITMENT	150,000
28 (07) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	14,221,586
29 (08) FOR STATE MATCHING OF FEDERAL FUNDS	228,500
30 (09) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	<u>750,000</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$26,253,076</u>

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 33 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - FEDERAL. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 35 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 36 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by

1 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance - Federal
 2 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

3	4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
6	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$296,222
7	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	100,897
8	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
11	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13	(E) DATA PROC.	0
14	(04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	27,500,000
15	(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
16	(06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
17	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$36,248,043</u>

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 19 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE ENERGY PLAN - FEDERAL. There is
 20 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 21 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 22 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by
 23 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Energy Plan - Federal
 24 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

25	26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$226,499
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	82,221
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,273
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	36,788
33	(C) PROF. FEES	268,085
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(04) ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>551,952</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$1,283,818

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3 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS - CASH. There is
4 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
5 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
6 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating
7 expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
8 - Energy Efficiency Arkansas - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,
9 the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,119
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,927
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	93,900
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,000
18	(C) PROF. FEES	750,000
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(04) ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS GRANTS	<u>450,000</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,406,946</u>

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24 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CLEAN CITIES COALITION - CASH. There is
25 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
26 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
27 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and
28 aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Clean Cities Coalition
29 - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
33	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,750
36	(C) PROF. FEES	105,255

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(02) GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROJECTS	<u>55,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$189,005</u></u>

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6 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PROGRAM. There is

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

8 payable from the Technology Acceleration Fund, for investment incentives to

9 enhance the economy of the state through technology development of the

10 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Technology Acceleration Program

11 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
15	(01) TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PRGM	<u><u>\$30,000,000</u></u>

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17 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby

18 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable

19 from the Economic Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects

20 as defined by Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Arkansas

21 Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year ending

22 June 30, 2017, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
26	(01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u><u>\$200,000,000</u></u>

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28 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There

29 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to

30 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

31 of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid

32 by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Weatherization Assistance

33 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

34		
35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$193,426
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	69,591
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,500
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,750
6	(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	2,000
10	(05) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<u>8,000,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,304,767</u></u>

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13 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
 14 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 15 payable from the New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and
 16 reimbursements of performance program application fees of the Arkansas
 17 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
 18 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
22	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$875,781</u></u>

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24 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby
 25 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 26 from the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for
 27 incentives to attract new business and economic development to the State by
 28 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing Fund for
 29 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
33	(01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u><u>\$50,000,000</u></u>

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35 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE
 36 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic

1 Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 2 Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the
 3 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and Technology
 4 - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	<i>\$584,717</i>
9 (02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
10 (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<i>181,041</i>
11 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
14 (C) PROF. FEES	16,800
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (05) ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
18 (06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
19 (07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
20 (08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>6,500,000</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,283,342</u></u>

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 23 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED
 24 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
 25 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 26 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 27 for investments in technology based businesses by the Arkansas Economic
 28 Development Commission - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year
 29 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
33 (01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,900,000</u>

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 35 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 36 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 2 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants by the Arkansas
 3 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network -
 4 State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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	ITEM			FISCAL YEAR
	<u>NO.</u>			<u>2016-2017</u>
	(01)	AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK		<u>\$257,182</u>

10 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 11 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 12 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 13 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 14 State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field
 15 services by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas
 16 Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 17 2017, the following:

18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	ITEM													
	<u>NO.</u>													
	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES												\$281,580
	(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING												84,246
	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION												
	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE												10,284
	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL												0
	(C)	PROF. FEES												0
	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY												0
	(E)	DATA PROC.												0
	(04)	AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY												
		TRANSFER ASSIST/OTHER GRANTS & AID												240,000
	(05)	FIELD SERVICES												<u>325,000</u>
		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED												<u>\$941,110</u>

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 34 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 35 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby
 36 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable

1 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 2 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and
 3 grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas
 4 Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 5 2017, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$579,828
10 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	177,328
11 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
14 (C) PROF. FEES	75,000
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
18 TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,455,986</u>

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21 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 22 ARKANSAS EPSCOR - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
 23 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as
 24 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services,
 25 operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development
 26 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 27 2017, the following:

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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
31 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$197,695
32 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	60,116
33 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,518
35 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
36 (C) PROF. FEES	74,800

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/	
4	OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>3,467,686</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,994,815</u>

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7 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

8 ARKANSAS EPSCOR II - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas

9 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as

10 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services,

11 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development

12 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR II - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,

13 2017, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,218
18	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	3,952
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	34,280
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	133,200
22	(C) PROF. FEES	55,500
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/	
26	OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>2,909,850</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,150,000</u>

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

30 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic

31 Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the

32 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

33 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development

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

35 2017, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
3	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C) PROF. FEES	0
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND OTHER GRANTS	
10	& AID	<u>90,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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13 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 14 ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
 15 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration
 16 Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the State
 17 through technology and knowledge-based development of the Arkansas Economic
 18 Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year
 19 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
23	(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u><u>\$18,700,000</u></u>

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25 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM
 26 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic
 27 Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the
 28 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 29 personal services of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem
 30 Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,701
35	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<u>15,320</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$66,021</u></u>

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SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and Technology, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, the following:

(A) for a grant or transfer to the Innovate Arkansas Fund for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Innovate Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to 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 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	<i>\$138,249</i>
(02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<i>41,616</i>
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) GRANTS/AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	500,000
(07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u><i>\$1,258,003</i></u></u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, for conference

1 expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services
 2 Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
6 (01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$75,000</u>

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 8 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL
 9 RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
 10 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Animal Rescue and
 11 Shelter Trust Fund, for providing grants to counties or municipalities for
 12 infrastructure, construction, renovation, personal services and maintenance
 13 and operations for animal rescues or animal shelters by the Arkansas Economic
 14 Development Commission - Animal Rescue/Shelters Grants for the fiscal year
 15 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
19 (01) ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS & AID	<u>\$5,328</u>

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 21 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE
 22 FEE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development
 23 Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for
 24 maintenance and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development
 25 Commission - Rural Services Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 26 2017, the following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
30 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$45,395
32 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
33 (C) PROF. FEES	0
34 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$45,395</u>

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SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ARKANSAS UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses for the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the sum of.....\$250,000.

SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition to training expenses, funds made available to support the appropriation for ITP herein may be used to acquire capital equipment necessary to enhance the capabilities of the Arkansas Industry Training Programs and for expenses necessary to assist in carrying on the Existing Worker Training Program. When not in use in an ITP managed course of training, the equipment purchased under this provision shall be stored at a location to be determined by the Executive Director of AEDC.

The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~ 2016 through July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~

1 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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3 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MULTI-USE
5 FACILITIES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
6 structure its annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new
7 Five Year Consolidated Plan to reflect the legislative intent for a priority
8 to be placed on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for
9 Multi-use facilities that will offer combined facilities for programs
10 commonly offered in separate facilities such as senior centers, public health
11 centers, childcare centers and community centers. AEDC shall report the
12 methodology for complying with this priority to the Legislative Council.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
14 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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16 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC
18 PARTICIPATION. Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall make
19 additional efforts to increase non-traditional public participation in its
20 annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new Five Year
21 Consolidated Plan. These efforts shall be in addition to current public
22 notification methods. Notification should be considered through direct mail-
23 out to mayors and county judges, contacts with planning and development
24 districts, contact with the Department of Rural Services, submissions to
25 grant notification publications, and publication on AEDC's web page. AEDC is
26 encouraged to develop additional innovative public awareness strategies.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
28 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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30 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
32 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
33 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community
34 Assistance-Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
35 allocate \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside from the
36 Economic Development Set-Aside, as defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed

1 with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds
2 allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be used exclusively for
3 grants to rural communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015
5 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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7 SECTION 36. 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 Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all
10 applications for grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside and shall
11 certify to the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic
12 Development Commission those applications eligible for grant funds under AEDC
13 and federal guidelines. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the
14 Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall decide which grant
15 applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the
16 Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants receiving final approval by
17 the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic
18 Development Commission. AEDC and the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of
19 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and
20 regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds
21 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition
22 of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing
23 Committee.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015
25 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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27 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
29 PROVISION - FOREIGN OFFICES. If at any time during the fiscal year, the
30 Director determines that market conditions warrant, the Arkansas Economic
31 Development Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation, after
32 receiving the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior
33 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, between the
34 Foreign Offices in the State Operations Section of this Act for the purpose
35 of responding to changes in the world markets.

36 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of

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

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
17 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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19 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
21 PROVISION. If at any time during the fiscal year, savings are accomplished
22 in the appropriation provided for "Far East Trade/Industry Recruitment" and
23 "Regular Salaries" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such
24 appropriation savings may be transferred to the appropriations made for
25 "Maintenance and General Operations" in the State Operations Section of this
26 Act after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
27 Committee. In addition, if at any time during the fiscal year, savings are
28 accomplished in the appropriation provided for "Maintenance and General
29 Operations" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation
30 savings may be transferred to the appropriation for "Far East Trade/Industry
31 Recruitment" and in the State Operations Section of this Act, after prior
32 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

33 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
34 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
35 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
36 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and

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

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
14 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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16 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
18 PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
19 State and prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
20 Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is
21 authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item appropriation
22 authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act
23 to any other line item authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -
24 Federal Section of this Act.

25 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
26 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
27 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
28 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
29 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
30 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
31 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
32 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
33 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
34 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
35 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
36 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of

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

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
6 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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8 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

10 FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas
11 Economic Development Commission within this Act relating to the appropriation
12 in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section shall be used only when
13 necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and
14 shall require approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
15 Committee.

16 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
17 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
18 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
19 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
20 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
21 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
22 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
23 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
24 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.

25 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
26 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
27 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
28 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
29 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
30 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
31 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
33 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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35 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

1 PROVISION - INDUSTRY TRAINING. If during the fiscal year, the Industry
2 Training Division effects savings in item (06), State Operations Section of
3 this Act, such savings may be transferred to item (03), Maintenance and
4 General Operations, of the State Operations Section of this Act, after
5 obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior
6 review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if
7 any savings are effected in the fiscal year in item (03), Maintenance and
8 General Operations, of the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings
9 may be transferred to item (06), Industry Training Program, of the State
10 Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal
11 Officer of the State and after prior approval by the Legislative Council or
12 Joint Budget Committee.

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

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
30 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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32 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
34 TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from time to
35 time on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of
36 the State the sum not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) from

1 Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the
2 Technology Acceleration Fund to provide funds for the appropriation herein.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
4 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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6 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic
9 Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to
10 the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private
11 funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic
12 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development
13 Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of
14 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary
15 and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries
16 established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in
17 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted
18 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to
19 unclassified employees.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
21 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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23 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
25 FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the
26 Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
27 Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be
28 carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent
29 and purposes as set forth in law.

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

32 (1) Prior to June 30, 2015 the Agency shall by written statement set forth
33 its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of
34 Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

35 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
36 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the

1 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
2 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
3 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
4 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
5 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

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

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20 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED
22 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding
23 general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the
24 repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the ~~Arkansas~~ Division of
25 Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development
26 Commission, shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the
27 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and shall remain in the Miscellaneous
28 Agencies Fund Account to be made available solely for the benefit of the
29 ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and Technology ~~Authority of the Arkansas~~
30 Economic Development Commission to provide additional Seed Capital
31 Investments.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
33 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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

1 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and
2 Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is
3 authorized to carry forward an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but
4 unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in Section ~~3~~ 16 for
5 basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year
6 ~~2016~~ 2017 to be used for the same purpose.

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

9 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017 the Agency shall by written statement set
10 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
11 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1 ~~2015~~
31 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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33 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
35 BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available
36 balances received by the ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and Technology

1 Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission from Client
2 Services provided through the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network –
3 Federal appropriation, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing
4 Extension Network – Cash Fund Account.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
6 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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8 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
10 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief
11 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the ~~Arkansas~~ Division of
12 Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development
13 Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from the
14 Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration
15 Fund Programs line item within the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the
16 Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all transfers shall not exceed
17 \$3,500,000.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
19 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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21 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GENERAL
23 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. The ~~Department of~~ Rural Services
24 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to
25 retain and utilize for administrative cost purposes up to one and one half
26 percent (1.5%) of the total amount of any General Improvement Fund moneys
27 received for projects authorized for disbursement through the ~~department~~
28 division by the General Assembly.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
30 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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32 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
34 TRANSFER. Upon request of the Director of the ~~Department of~~ Rural Services
35 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal
36 Officer of the State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from time to

1 time, shall cause to be transferred on his books and those of the State
2 Treasurer and Auditor of State, an amount not to exceed one and one half
3 percent (1.5%) from the various sub funds created in any General Improvement
4 Fund, established for disbursement through the ~~Department of Rural Services~~
5 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to the
6 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

7 The funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from the
8 various sub funds established in any General Improvement Fund pursuant to
9 this section shall be made available and utilized solely by the ~~Department~~
10 ~~of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
11 for maintenance and general operations costs.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
13 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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15 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
17 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish,
18 upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special
19 appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
20 When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its
21 operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to
22 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by
23 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the
24 maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and
25 general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the
26 prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
27 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
28 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
29 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly
30 has determined that the Arkansas Economic
31 Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is
32 provided to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission authorizing broad
33 powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
34 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
35 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
36 Section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint

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

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

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9 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June
12 30, of each fiscal year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the
13 ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
14 Commission that were transferred from the various sub funds created in any
15 General Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund
16 projects shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made
17 available to the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas
18 Economic Development Commission and utilized for the same purpose during the
19 following fiscal year.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
21 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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23 SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY
25 FAIR GRANTS. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas
26 Economic Development Commission shall develop the necessary rules and
27 regulations for the disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for
28 the construction, renovation and/or improvements to county fair grounds. The
29 grants shall be matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind.
30 No county fair shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
32 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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34 SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
36 AWARD CRITERIA. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas

1 Economic Development Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the
2 criteria to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this
3 Act. Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas
4 Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the ~~Department of Rural~~
5 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall
6 distribute the grants.

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 ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas
14 Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some
15 flexibility is provided to the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the
16 Arkansas Economic Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this
17 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
18 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
19 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The
20 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
21 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
22 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional
23 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
25 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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27 SECTION 55. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 56. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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10 SECTION 57. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
11 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
12 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2016 is essential to the operation of
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2016 could work irreparable harm
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2016.

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22 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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