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3 Regular Session, 2017

SENATE BILL 106

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

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AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC

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DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

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JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC

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DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR

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THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.

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

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SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
23 Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.

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Maximum Annual

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Maximum

Salary Rate

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Item Class

No. of

Fiscal Year

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No. Code Title

Employees

2017-2018

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(1) U055U AEDC DIRECTOR

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\$141,104

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(2) U105U AEDC DEP DIR FINANCE & ADMIN

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\$121,037

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(3) U059U AEDC DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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\$121,037

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(4) U063U ASTA DIRECTOR

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\$108,628

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(5) U099U DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES

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\$91,102

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(6) N180N AEDC ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE DIR.

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GRADE N908

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(7) N062N AEDC BUSINESS DEV DIV DIR

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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)	G033N	ASTA AMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
7	(14)	N094N	ASTA EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
8	(15)	G034N	ASTA ASST DIR. SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE N903
9	(16)	N196N	MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N903
10	(17)	G030N	ASTA ASST DIR OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE N902
11	(18)	B018N	ASTA FIELD ENGINEER	5	GRADE N902
12	(19)	G026N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MGMT SVS	1	GRADE N901
13	(20)	A002N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE N901
14	(21)	B015N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE N901
15	(22)	G035N	ASTA SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N901
16	(23)	G245C	AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEV & IMPROVE	1	GRADE C128
17	(24)	G014C	AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE C128
18	(25)	P002C	AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE C128
19	(26)	G013C	AEDC MANAGER OF STRATEGIC ENERGY DEV	1	GRADE C128
20	(27)	G015C	AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR.	1	GRADE C128
21	(28)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
22	(29)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C127
23	(30)	A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
24	(31)	G048C	AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE C126
25	(32)	B016C	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE C126
26	(33)	G062C	AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	40	GRADE C125
27	(34)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	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)	A041C	PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C122
32	(39)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
33	(40)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
34	(41)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
35	(42)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C121
36	(43)	G248C	ENERGY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120

1	(44)	G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
2	(45)	G148C	ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE C119
3	(46)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
4	(47)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE C118
5	(48)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
6	(49)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	5	GRADE C117
7	(50)	R027C	BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C117
8	(51)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	4	GRADE C117
9	(52)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
10	(53)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
11	(54)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C116
12	(55)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	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	119	

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
 18 Economic Development Commission for the 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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, 2018, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,357,050
17	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
18	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,365,766
19	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,548,238
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
22	(C) PROF. FEES	1,765,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(05) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
26	GRANTS	1,000,000
27	(06) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	600,000
28	(07) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
29	(08) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	1,714,800
30	(09) <i>FOR STATE MATCHING OF FEDERAL FUNDS</i>	<i>228,500</i>
31	(10) <i>OFFICE OF TRANSFORMATION EXPENSES</i>	<i>1,000,000</i>
32	(11) <i>SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATIVE RESEARCH</i>	
33	<i>MATCHING GRANT</i>	<u><i>2,000,000</i></u>
34	<i>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</i>	<u><i>\$16,600,840</i></u>

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 36 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development
 2 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
 3 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and
 4 grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community
 5 Assistance (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the
 6 following:

8	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
10	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$302,337
11	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	102,379
12	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
14	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
15	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
16	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17	(E) DATA PROC.	0
18	(04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	27,500,000
19	(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
20	(06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$36,255,640</u>

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23 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE ENERGY PLAN - FEDERAL. There is
 24 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 25 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 26 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by
 27 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Energy Plan - Federal
 28 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$181,286
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	66,931
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,273
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	36,788

1	(C) PROF. FEES	268,085
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>551,952</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,223,315</u></u>

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7 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS - CASH. There is

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

9 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

10 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating

11 expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission

12 - Energy Efficiency Arkansas - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018,

13 the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,119
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,984
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	93,900
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,000
22	(C) PROF. FEES	750,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24	(E) DATA PROC.	0
25	(04) ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS GRANTS	<u>450,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,407,003</u></u>

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28 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CLEAN CITIES COALITION - CASH. There is

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

30 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

31 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and

32 aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Clean Cities Coalition

33 - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>

1	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,750
4	(C) PROF. FEES	105,255
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(02) GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROJECTS	<u>55,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$189,005</u></u>

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10 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. There is hereby

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

12 from the Technology Acceleration Fund, for investment incentives to enhance

13 the economy of the state through the Technology Acceleration Program of the

14 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Technology Development for the

15 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
19	(01) TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$30,000,000</u></u>

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

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

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

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

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

26 June 30, 2018, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
30	(01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u><u>\$200,000,000</u></u>

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32 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There

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

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

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

36 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Weather Assistance Program for

1 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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3	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
5	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$180,881
6	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	66,838
7	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,500
9	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,750
10	(C) PROF. FEES	13,500
11	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12	(E) DATA PROC.	0
13	(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	2,000
14	(05) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<u>5,561,541</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,851,010</u></u>

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17 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
 18 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 19 payable from the New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and
 20 reimbursements of performance program application fees of the Arkansas
 21 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
 22 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
26	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$875,781</u></u>

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28 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 30 from the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for
 31 incentives to attract new business and economic development to the State by
 32 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing Fund for
 33 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>

1 (01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS \$75,000,000

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3 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE
 4 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and
 5 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 6 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services,
 7 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division of Science and
 8 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations
 9 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
13 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$693,788
14 (02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
15 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	221,154
16 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
18 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
19 (C) PROF. FEES	16,800
20 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21 (E) DATA PROC.	0
22 (05) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH	
23 MATCH	292,653
24 (06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
25 (07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
26 (08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>6,500,000</u>
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,432,526</u>

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29 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED
 30 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of
 31 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 32 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 33 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in technology based
 34 businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic
 35 Development Commission - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year
 36 ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,900,000</u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$183,873
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,771
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
4	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	240,000
5	(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>325,000</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$814,928</u></u>

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8 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

9 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby

10 appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas

11 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited

12 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

13 for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Division

14 of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -

15 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending

16 June 30, 2018, the following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$548,794
21	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	168,328
22	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
25	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
29	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,415,952</u></u>

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32 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR

33 TRACK III - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of

34 Science and Technology of 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 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development
 2 Commission - EPSCOR Track III - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 3 2018, the following:

4	5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
7	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,054,921
8	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	295,378
9	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,050,173
11	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
12	(C) PROF. FEES	0
13	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14	(E) DATA PROC.	0
15	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER	
16	GRANTS & AID	17,169,528
17	(05) INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION	30,000
18	(06) EXTERNAL EVALUATORS	<u>400,000</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

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21 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR
 22 RII - TRACK 2 PLANT BIOIMAGING. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 23 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development
 24 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
 25 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the
 26 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development
 27 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR RII - Federal for the fiscal year ending June
 28 30, 2018, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
32	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$34,280
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	133,200
35	(C) PROF. FEES	55,500
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(02) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER	
3	GRANTS & AID	<u>2,909,850</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,132,830</u></u>

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

7 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science

8 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable

9 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

10 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the

11 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development

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

13 2018, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
17	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>90,000</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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26 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

27 ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of

28 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

29 payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to

30 accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based

31 development of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas

32 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal

33 year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>

1 (01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES \$30,000,000

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3 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM
4 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science
5 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
6 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
7 Fiscal Officer of the State, for STEM Program expenses of the Division of
8 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem
9 Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
13 (01) STEM PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$40,000</u>

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15 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
16 INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science
17 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
18 from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for a grant to transfer to the Innovate
19 Arkansas Fund for personal services and operating expenses of the Division of
20 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -
21 Innovate Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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23 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
25 (01) INNOVATE ARKANSAS TRANSFER	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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27 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.
28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
29 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
30 Agencies Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants
31 and aid by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
32 Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the
33 following:

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35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$126,312
2	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
3	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,317
4	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
11	(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	500,000
12	(07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,243,767</u>

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15 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.

16 There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
 17 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 18 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 19 for conference expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
 20 Economic Development Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending
 21 June 30, 2018, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
25	(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$100,000</u>

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27 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL

28 RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services
 29 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from
 30 the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for providing grants to counties or
 31 municipalities for infrastructure, construction, renovation, personal
 32 services and maintenance and operations for animal rescues or animal shelters
 33 by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
 34 Commission - Animal Rescue/Shelters Grants for the fiscal year ending June
 35 30, 2018, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
3	(01) ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS & AID	<u>\$5,328</u>

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5 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE

6 FEE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the

7 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the

8 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for maintenance and operating expenses

9 of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development

10 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
14	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$45,395
16	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17	(C) PROF. FEES	0
18	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$45,395</u>

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22 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ARKANSAS UNPAVED

23 ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division

24 of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the

25 Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the

26 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -

27 Unpaved Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the

28 following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
32	(01) UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM GRANTS & AIDS	
33	OR OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$250,000</u>

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36 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER GRANT PROGRAM.

1 *There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development*
 2 *Commission, to be payable from the Broadband Fund, for personal services,*
 3 *maintenance and operating expenses and grants associated with the*
 4 *establishment and implementation of a grant program created by a reverse*
 5 *auction process for internet service providers, telecommunications providers*
 6 *and broadband providers, and to provide support and assistance for the*
 7 *development, growth and deployment of fiber-optic-based broadband service to*
 8 *homes by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year*
 9 *ending June 30, 2018, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2017-2018</i></u>
<i>(01) PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND</i>	
<i>OPERATING EXPENSES AND GRANTS</i>	<u><u><i>\$25,000,000</i></u></u>

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 16 *SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION -*
 17 *RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is*
 18 *hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic*
 19 *Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the*
 20 *State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for*
 21 *grants for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program of the*
 22 *Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,*
 23 *2018, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2017-2018</i></u>
<i>(01) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION</i>	
<i>EDUCATION GRANTS</i>	<u><u><i>\$800,000</i></u></u>

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 30 *SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
 31 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER*
 32 *OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and in*
 33 *support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, the Executive Director of the*
 34 *Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief Fiscal*
 35 *Officer of the State the amount needed for transfer from either the Arkansas*
 36 *Economic Development Commission Fund Account or the Miscellaneous Agencies*

1 Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. Upon the approval of the
2 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount certified shall be transferred.
3 The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall initiate the necessary transfer
4 documents to reflect all such transfers upon the fiscal records of the State
5 Auditor, the State Treasurer and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
7 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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9 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
11 FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds
12 allocated for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas Economic
13 Development Commission Fund Account which remain at the close of each state
14 fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used
15 for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law. Any carry forward of
16 unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward
17 under the following conditions:

18 (1) Prior to June 30, 2018 the Agency shall by written statement set forth
19 its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of
20 Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

21 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
22 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
23 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
24 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
25 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
26 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
27 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

36 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include

1 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
2 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017
4 through June 30, 2018.

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6 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY
8 TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission
9 (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds
10 for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital
11 acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific
12 training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry
13 training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint
14 Budget Committee.

15 The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
16 2017 through July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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18 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
20 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby
21 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public
22 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of
23 operating foreign offices. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed
24 restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard
25 Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices
26 and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established
27 by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
29 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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31 SECTION 37 SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
33 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
34 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance
35 (CDBG) - Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
36 allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside

1 from the ~~Economic Development Set-Aside~~ annual Community Development Block
2 Grant, as defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed with the federal
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds allocated to the Rural
4 Development Set-Aside are to be used exclusively for grants to rural
5 communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
7 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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9 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
11 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all
12 applications for grant funds ~~from the Rural Development Set-Aside~~ and shall
13 certify ~~to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development~~
14 ~~Commission~~ those applications eligible for grant funds under AEDC and federal
15 guidelines. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
16 Commission alone shall ~~decide~~ recommend which grant applications will be
17 funded, and AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the Rural Development Set-
18 Aside to those applicants receiving final approval by the Rural Services
19 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural
20 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall
21 promulgate rules and regulations governing the application for and
22 disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an
23 annual report of the disposition of these grant funds shall be made to the
24 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
26 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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28 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
30 PROVISION - FOREIGN OFFICES. If at any time during the fiscal year, the
31 Director determines that market conditions warrant, the Arkansas Economic
32 Development Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation, after
33 receiving the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior
34 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, ~~between~~ among
35 the Foreign Offices in the State Operations Section of this Act for the
36 purpose of responding to changes in the world markets.

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

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
18 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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20 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
22 PROVISION - SAVINGS TRANSFERS. If at any time during the fiscal year,
23 savings are accomplished in the appropriation provided for "~~Far East~~
24 ~~Trade/Industry Recruitment~~" "Global Business Initiatives" and "Regular
25 Salaries" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation
26 savings may be transferred to the appropriations made for "Maintenance and
27 General Operations" in the State Operations Section of this Act after prior
28 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition,
29 if at any time during the fiscal year, savings are accomplished in the
30 appropriation provided for "Maintenance and General Operations" in the State
31 Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation savings may be transferred
32 to the appropriation for "~~Far East Trade/Industry Recruitment~~" "Global
33 Business Initiatives" and in the State Operations Section of this Act, after
34 prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

35 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
36 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year

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

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
16 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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18 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
20 PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving approval
21 from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the
22 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas
23 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from
24 any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -
25 Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the
26 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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

1 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
2 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
3 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
4 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
5 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
6 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
8 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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10 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
12 FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas
13 Economic Development Commission within this Act relating to the appropriation
14 in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section shall be used only when
15 necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and
16 shall require approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
17 Committee.

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

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
35 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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1 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
3 PROVISION - INDUSTRY TRAINING. If during the fiscal year, the Industry
4 Training Division effects savings in the Industry Training Program line item
5 within the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be
6 transferred to the Maintenance and General Operations line item of the State
7 Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal
8 Officer of the State and after prior review by the Legislative Council or
9 Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if any savings are effected in the
10 fiscal year in the Maintenance and General Operations line item of the State
11 Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to the
12 Industry Training Program line item within the State Operations Section of
13 this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
14 and after prior approval by the 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, ~~2016~~
33 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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35 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING

1 TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from time to
2 time on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of
3 the State the sum not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) from
4 Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the
5 Technology Acceleration Fund to provide funds for the appropriation herein.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
7 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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9 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
24 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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26 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
28 FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the
29 Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
30 Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be
31 carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent
32 and purposes as set forth in law.

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

35 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2017~~2018 the Agency shall by written statement set
36 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the

1 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
2 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
3 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
4 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
5 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
6 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
7 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
8 written request set forth in (1) above;
9 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
10 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
11 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
12 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
13 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
14 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
15 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
16 Committee; and
17 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
18 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
19 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.
20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
21 ~~2016~~2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~2018.

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23 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED
25 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding
26 general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the
27 repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the Division of Science
28 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, shall be
29 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Miscellaneous Agencies
30 Fund Account and shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to
31 be made available solely for the benefit of the Division of Science and
32 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to provide
33 additional Seed Capital Investments.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
35 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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1 SECTION 48 SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
3 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of
4 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward
5 an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the
6 Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology -
7 State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants
8 which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2017~~ 2018 to be used for the same
9 purpose.

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

12 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018 the Agency shall by written statement set
13 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
14 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1 ~~2016~~
34 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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36 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
2 BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available
3 balances received by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas
4 Economic Development Commission from Client Services provided through the
5 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Federal appropriation, shall be
6 transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Cash Fund
7 Account.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
9 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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11 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

13 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief
14 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the ~~Division of Science and~~
15 ~~Technology of the~~ Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to
16 transfer appropriation and funds from the Division of Science and Technology
17 State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the
18 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The
19 total of all transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
21 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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23 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GENERAL
25 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. The Rural Services Division of the
26 Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to retain and utilize
27 for administrative cost purposes up to one and one half percent (1.5%) of the
28 total amount of any General Improvement Fund moneys received for projects
29 authorized for disbursement through the division by the General Assembly.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
31 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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33 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
35 TRANSFER. Upon request of the Director of the Rural Services Division of the
36 Arkansas Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

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

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
13 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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15 SECTION 53. 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.

24 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
25 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
26 is the 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 Development Commission may operate
31 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
32 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.

33 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
34 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
35 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this Section. The requirement of
36 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a

1 severable part of this Section. If the requirement of approval by the
2 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
3 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

4 The provisions of this Section shall be in effect only from July 1,
5 ~~2016~~2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~2018.

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7 SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June
10 30, of each fiscal year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the
11 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission that
12 were transferred from the various sub funds created in any General
13 Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund projects
14 shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made available to
15 the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
16 and utilized for the same purpose during the following fiscal year.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
18 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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20 SECTION 55. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY
22 FAIR GRANTS. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
23 Commission shall develop the necessary rules and regulations for the
24 disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for the construction,
25 renovation and/or improvements to county fair grounds. The grants shall be
26 matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county fair
27 shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
29 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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31 SECTION 56. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
33 AWARD CRITERIA. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
34 Development Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the criteria
35 to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this Act.
36 Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas

1 Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Rural Services
2 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall distribute the
3 grants.

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

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
22 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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24 *SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE*
25 *ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL OR TEMPORARY LAW.*
26 *FUNDING TRANSFER. Upon notification from the Information Network of Arkansas*
27 *Board of a positive vote of the Board to approve the transfer of funds and*
28 *the amount approved not to exceed the amount authorized herein, the Chief*
29 *Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of*
30 *the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State a sum not to exceed one million*
31 *dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Information Network of Arkansas Fund to the*
32 *Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to provide funds*
33 *exclusively for the Office of Transformation.*

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35 *SECTION 58. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS.* Disbursement of funds
36 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

1 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
2 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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9 SECTION 59. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
10 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
11 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
12 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
13 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
14 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
15 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
16 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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18 SECTION 60. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
19 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
20 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

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30 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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33 **APPROVED: 04/06/2017**