For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.

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

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

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and Technology for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL.
There is hereby appropriated, to 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, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE ENERGY PLAN - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to 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, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Energy Plan - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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(C) PROF. FEES  268,085
(D) CAP. OUTLAY  0
(E) DATA PROC.  0

(04) ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS AND AID  551,952

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED  $1,223,315

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Energy Efficiency Arkansas - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED  $1,407,003

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CLEAN CITIES COALITION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Clean Cities Coalition - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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<td>(04) ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS GRANTS</td>
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TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED  $1,407,003
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION

(A) OPER. EXPENSE $20,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL 8,750
(C) PROF. FEES 105,255
(D) CAP. OUTLAY 0
(E) DATA PROC. 0

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED $189,005

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Technology Acceleration Fund, for investment incentives to enhance the economy of the state through the Technology Acceleration Program of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Technology Development for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Economic Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects as defined by Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to 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 and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Weather Assistance Program for
the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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

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

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SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE OPERATIONS. 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 personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO. FY 2017-2018
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(01) REGULAR SALARIES $693,788
(02) EXTRA HELP 12,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING 221,154
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION
   (A) OPER. EXPENSE 218,703
   (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 27,800
   (C) PROF. FEES 16,800
   (D) CAP. OUTLAY 0
   (E) DATA PROC. 0
(05) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH 292,653
(06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT 156,975
(07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS 292,653
(08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM 6,500,000
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TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED $8,432,526

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in technology based businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:
ITEM | FISCAL YEAR | NO. | 2017-2018 | (01) INVESTMENTS | $1,900,000

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 | NO. | 2017-2018 | (01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK | $257,182

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 | NO. | 2017-2018 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | $183,873 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 55,771 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | 10,284 | (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 ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID 240,000

(05) FIELD SERVICES 325,000

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED $814,928

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas
Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Division
of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -
Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 2018, the following:

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SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR
TRACK III - 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, and grants and aid by
the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - EPSCOR Track III - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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<td>(06) EXTERNAL EVALUATORS</td>
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SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR RII - TRACK 2 PLANT BIOIMAGING. 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 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR RII - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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(E) DATA PROC.  

(02) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER

GRANTS & AID  

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

$3,132,830

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO. FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION

(A) OPER. EXPENSE $60,000

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL 0

(C) PROF. FEES 0

(D) CAP. OUTLAY 0

(E) DATA PROC. 0

(02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & OTHER GRANTS & AID 90,000

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED $150,000

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO. FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES

$30,000,000

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

ITEM NO. FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

(01) STEM PROGRAM EXPENSES $40,000

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

ITEM NO. FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

(01) INNOVATE ARKANSAS TRANSFER $5,000,000

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of 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 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO. FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018
1. **REGULAR SALARIES**: $126,312
2. **EXTRA HELP**: 2,000
3. **PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING**: 39,317
4. **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
5. **GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS**: 400,000
6. **RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS**: 500,000
7. **COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**: 100,000
8. **TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED**: $1,243,767

**SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.**
There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for conference expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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<td>$100,000</td>
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**SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS.** There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for providing grants to counties or municipalities for infrastructure, construction, renovation, personal services and maintenance and operations for animal rescues or animal shelters by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Animal Rescue/Shelters Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:
ITEM NO. FISCAL YEAR

(01) ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS & AID $5,328

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for maintenance and operating expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO. FISCAL YEAR

(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION 2017-2018

(A) OPER. EXPENSE $45,395
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL 0
(C) PROF. FEES 0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY 0
(E) DATA PROC. 0

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED $45,395

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ARKANSAS UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Unpaved Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO. FISCAL YEAR

(01) UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM GRANTS & AIDS OR OPERATING EXPENSES $250,000

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER GRANT PROGRAM.
There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Broadband Fund, for personal services, maintenance and operating expenses and grants associated with the establishment and implementation of a grant program created by a reverse auction process for internet service providers, telecommunications providers and broadband providers, and to provide support and assistance for the development, growth and deployment of fiber-optic-based broadband service to homes by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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<td>(01) PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES AND GRANTS</td>
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SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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<td>(01) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION GRANTS</td>
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SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and in support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, the Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount needed for transfer from either the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account or the Miscellaneous Agencies.
Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. Upon the approval of the
Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount certified shall be transferred.
The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall initiate the necessary transfer
documents to reflect all such transfers upon the fiscal records of the State
Auditor, the State Treasurer and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
2017 through June 30, 2018.

SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds
allocated for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas Economic
Development Commission Fund Account which remain at the close of each state
fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used
for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law. Any carry forward of
unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward
under the following conditions:
(1) Prior to June 30, 2018 the Agency shall by written statement set forth
its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of
Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
written request set forth in (1) above;
(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
Committee; and
(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017
through June 30, 2018.

SECTION 35. 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.

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

SECTION 36. 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, 2017
through June 30, 2018.

SECTION 37 SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance
(CDBG) - Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
allocate at least $500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside
from the Economic Development Set-Aside annual Community Development Block Grant, as defined in AEDC’s Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

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

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

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

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - FOREIGN OFFICES. If at any time during the fiscal year, the Director determines that market conditions warrant, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation, after receiving the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, between among the Foreign Offices in the State Operations Section of this Act for the purpose of responding to changes in the world markets.
Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 2018.
SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - INDUSTRY TRAINING. If during the fiscal year, the Industry Training Division effects savings in the Industry Training Program line item within the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to the Maintenance and General Operations line item of the State Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if any savings are effected in the fiscal year in the Maintenance and General Operations line item of the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to the Industry Training Program line item within the State Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

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

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from time to
time on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of
the State the sum not to exceed thirty million dollars ($30,000,000) from
Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the
Technology Acceleration Fund to provide funds for the appropriation herein.
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017
through June 30, 2018.

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic
Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to
the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private
funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic
Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development
Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of
the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary
and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries
established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in
this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted
elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to
unclassified employees.
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016
through June 30, 2017 2018.

SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the
Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be
carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent
and purposes as set forth in law.
Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein,
may be carried forward under the following conditions:
(1) Prior to June 30, 2017 2018 the Agency shall by written statement set
forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward an amount of up to $150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology – State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year 2017 2018 to be used for the same purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1 2016 2017 through June 30, 2017 2018.
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BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available balances received by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission from Client Services provided through the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Federal appropriation, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Cash Fund Account.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. Upon request of the Director of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from time to time, shall cause
to be transferred on his books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor
of State, an amount not to exceed one and one half percent (1.5%) from the
various sub funds created in any General Improvement Fund, established for
disbursement through the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
Development Commission, to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.
The funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from the
various sub funds established in any General Improvement Fund pursuant to
this section shall be made available and utilized solely by the Rural
Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for
maintenance and general operations costs.

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

SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish,
upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special
appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its
operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to
the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by
the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

The provisions of this Section shall be in effect only from July 1, 

SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June 
30, of each fiscal year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the 
Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission that 
were transferred from the various sub funds created in any General 
Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund projects 
shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made available to 
the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission 
and utilized for the same purpose during the following fiscal year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 57. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL OR TEMPORARY LAW.

FUNDING TRANSFER. Upon notification from the Information Network of Arkansas Board of a positive vote of the Board to approve the transfer of funds and the amount approved not to exceed the amount authorized herein, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State a sum not to exceed one million dollars ($1,000,000) from the Information Network of Arkansas Fund to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to provide funds exclusively for the Office of Transformation.

SECTION 58. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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

/s/Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 04/06/2017