For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REAPPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses for African American cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed

$9,857.

(B) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, libraries and cemeteries, in a sum
(C) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for community improvement grants to counties, for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with county fairs and rodeos, in a sum not to exceed $7,000,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to libraries, fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed $24,625.

(E) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (J) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed $91,113.

(F) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (I) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed $70,794.

(G) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (K) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed $29,550.

(H) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (L) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation,
maintenance expenses associated with the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical services and emergency management programs, in a sum not to exceed $24,625.

(I) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (M) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed $88,650.

(J) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (N) Section 1 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed $83,725.

SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and Technology the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 221 of 2016, for matching funds for a grant from the National Science Foundation, in a sum not to exceed $8,453.

SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - BOND PROCEEDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Bond Proceeds for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 3 of Act 221 of 2016, for economic development projects authorized under Amendment 82 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas of 1874, in a sum not to exceed $225,000,000.
SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 4 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment for compressed natural gas demonstration stations, in a sum not to exceed $100,000.

SECTION 5. REAPPROPRIATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Economic Development Incentive Fund of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 5 of Act 221 of 2016, for financial incentives to companies locating a new facility or expanding an existing facility within the state of Arkansas and for companies that hire and maintain specified levels of employment, as identified in signed financial agreements, in a sum not to exceed $2,310,553.

(B) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 5 of Act 221 of 2016, for financial incentives to companies locating a new facility or expanding an existing facility within the state of Arkansas and for companies that hire and maintain specified levels of employment, as identified in signed financial agreements, in a sum not to exceed $37,500,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) Section 5 of Act 221 of 2016, for financial incentives to companies locating a new facility or expanding an existing facility within the state of Arkansas and for companies that hire and maintain specified levels of employment, as identified in signed financial agreements, in a sum not to exceed $37,500,000.

SECTION 6. REAPPROPRIATION - CLEAN-BURNING MOTOR FUEL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development
Commission, to be payable from the Clean Burning Motor Fuel Development Fund, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 6 of Act 221 of 2016, for rebates, grants, and incentives for compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas refueling stations and qualified clean-burning motor vehicle property, in a sum not to exceed $5,000,000.

SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION - 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 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 7 of Act 221 of 2016, for incentives to attract new businesses and economic development to the State, in a sum not to exceed $18,727,888.

(B) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 7 of Act 221 of 2016, for incentives to attract new business and economic development to the State by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, in a sum not to exceed $20,176,366.

SECTION 8. REAPPROPRIATION - MINORITY BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Minority Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 8 of Act 221 of 2016, for promoting the development of minority business enterprises in the State, increasing the ability of minority business enterprises to compete for state contracts, and sustaining the economic growth of minority business enterprises in the State, in a sum not to exceed $293,694.

SECTION 9. REAPPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:
(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for the promotion of the movie/film office for the production of full length movies in the State of Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed $8,682.

(B) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed $140,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed $20,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for funding for grants and/or loans to state agencies, cities, counties, community-based non-profit organizations and other eligible entities to undertake public works projects and/or job training efforts which support private sector job creation opportunities, alleviate conditions which constitute a threat to public health and well being, or partially defray the costs of providing access to publicly owned industrial parks, and/or technology parks; to provide grants and/or loans for the expansion of the aircraft and aerospace industry; grants and/or loans for port and waterway economic development projects; grants and/or loans for technology based economic development projects; grants and/or loans for industrial site development costs (including, but not limited to land...
acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition);

development of intermodal facilities (including, but not limited to port and
waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements);
grants and/or loans to pay the costs of environmental mitigation projects;
and for construction and/or improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum
not to exceed....................................................$250,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (F) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for providing funding for grants to
cities and counties to provide financial assistance necessary to undertake
public works projects and/or job training efforts which support private
sector job creation opportunities, alleviate conditions which constitute a
threat to public health and well being, or partially defray the costs of
providing access to publicly owned industrial parks; and for grants and/or
loans for the expansion of the aircraft and aerospace industry; and for
grants and/or loans for port and waterway economic development projects; and
for grants and/or loans to support technology based economic development
projects, in a sum not to exceed.................................$952,914.

(F) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (G) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for providing funding for grants to
cities and counties to provide financial assistance necessary to undertake
public works projects and/or job training efforts which support private
sector job creation opportunities, alleviate conditions which constitute a
threat to public health and well-being, or partially defray the costs of
providing access to publicly owned industrial parks; and for grants and/or
loans for the expansion of the aircraft and aerospace industry; and for
grants and/or loans to support technology based economic development
projects, in a sum not to exceed.................................$856,840.

(G) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (H) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for funding for grants and/or loans
to state agencies, cities, counties, community-based non-profit organizations
and other eligible entities to undertake public works projects and/or job
training efforts which support private sector job creation opportunities,
alleviate conditions which constitute a threat to public health and well
being, or partially defray the costs of providing access to publicly owned
industrial parks, and/or technology parks; and to provide grants and/or loans
for the expansion of the aircraft and aerospace industry; and for grants
and/or loans for port and waterway economic development projects; and for grants and/or loans for technology based economic development projects; and for grants and/or loans for industrial site development costs (including, but not limited to land acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition); and for development of intermodal facilities (including, but not limited to port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements); and for grants and/or loans to pay the costs of environmental mitigation projects; and for construction and/or improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed $1,023,950.

(H) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (I) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for rebates, grants, and incentives for compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas refueling stations and qualified clean-burning motor vehicle property; for grants and/or loans to state agencies, cities, counties, municipalities, planning and development districts, community-based non-profit organizations and other eligible entities to support economic stimulus activities in Northwest Arkansas, undertake public works projects and/or job training efforts which support private sector job creation opportunities and alleviate conditions which constitute a threat to public health and well being; grants and/or loans for technology based economic development projects; grants and/or loans for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, libraries and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed $800,500.

(I) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (J) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed $27,335.

(J) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (K) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed..................................................$3,000.

(K) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (L) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed.............................................$18,000.

(L) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (M) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction, and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed..................................................$45,000.

(M) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (N) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur
construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation
projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a
sum not to exceed..................................................$16,250.

(N) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (O) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties,
planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land
acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and
purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including,
construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of
intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur
construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation
projects and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a
sum not to exceed..................................................$5,000.

(O) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (P) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties,
planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land
acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and
purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including,
construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of
intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur
construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation
projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a
sum not to exceed..................................................$20,000.

(P) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (Q) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for a transfer to the Economic
Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for incentives to attract
new business and economic development to the state, in a sum not to
exceed.................................................................$10,000,000.

(Q) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (R) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for funding for grants and/or loans
to state agencies, cities, counties, community-based non-profit organizations
and other eligible entities to undertake public works projects and/or job
training efforts which support private sector job creation opportunities,
alleviate conditions which constitute a threat to public health and well
being, or partially defray the costs of providing access to publicly owned
industrial parks, and/or technology parks; to provide grants and/or loans for
the expansion of the aircraft and aerospace industry; grants and/or loans for port and waterway economic development projects; grants and/or loans for technology based economic development projects; grants and/or loans for industrial site development costs (including, but not limited to land acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition); development of intermodal facilities (including, but not limited to port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements); grants and/or loans to pay the costs of environmental mitigation projects; and for construction and/or improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed..........................................................$5,665,000.

(R) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (S) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for funding for an investment in Arkansas’ workforce through training incentives for companies located in Arkansas to upgrade skills of their existing workforce, or for a potential new workforce, and to build capacity within Arkansas to supply on-going training needs of Arkansas companies and to increase participation in the State’s school-to-work initiatives, in a sum not to exceed.....$3,000,000.

(S) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (T) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for allocation by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for activities associated with the implementation of the State's strategic plan for economic development, in a sum not to exceed.................................$400,000.

(T) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (U) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for payments on bonds issued for economic development projects authorized under Amendment 82 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas of 1874, in a sum not to exceed..........................................................$6,994,126.

(U) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (V) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a
sum not to exceed.................................................$40,000.

(V) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (W) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed.................................................$50,000.

(W) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (X) Section 9 of Act 221 of 2016, for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed.................................................$20,000.

SECTION 10. REAPPROPRIATION - INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 12 of Act 221 of 2016, for a transfer to the Innovate Arkansas Fund for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, in a sum not to exceed............$3,250,000.

SECTION 11. REAPPROPRIATION - INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Innovate Arkansas Fund, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2017, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (A) Section 13 of Act 221 of 2016, for personal services and
operating expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....................$3,500,000.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. As
referenced in SECTION 3, Subsection (a) of Acts 1518 and 1519 of 2013, the
authorized funding for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for
rebates, grants, and incentives for compressed natural gas and liquefied
natural gas refueling stations and qualified clean-burning motor vehicle
property shall also be deemed to include funding for grants and/or loans to
state agencies, cities, counties, municipalities, planning and development
districts, community-based non-profit organizations and other eligible
entities to support economic stimulus activities in Northwest Arkansas,
undertake public works projects and/or job training efforts which support
private sector job creation opportunities and alleviate conditions which
constitute a threat to public health and well being; grants and/or loans for
technology based economic development projects; grants and/or loans for
operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance
expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials,
parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, libraries and cemeteries.

SECTION 13. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

SECTION 14. 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 15. 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: 03/28/2017