	Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly. Act 443 of the Regular Session
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT
10	OF 1993 TO REQUIRE THAT QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES BE
11	HIRED WITHIN SIXTY (60) MONTHS OF APPROVAL OF THE
12	INCENTIVE AGREEMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE INCOME
13	TAX CREDIT MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD FOR NINE (9)
14	YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-1704(h), concerning the income tax
28	credit available under the Arkansas Enterprise Zone Act of 1993, is amended
29	to read as follows:
30	(h)(l) The Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and
31	Administration shall authorize an income tax credit equal to one hundred
32	(100) times the average hourly wage paid, with a maximum of three thousand
33	dollars (\$3,000) per net new full-time permanent employee <u>hired within sixty</u>
34	(60) months following the date of the approved financial incentive plan of a
35	business qualifying under subsection (b) of this section.



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1	(2)(A) This tax credit shall <u>may</u> be used for the taxable year in
2	which the net new full-time permanent employee was hired.
3	(B) However, with respect to projects approved prior to
4	March 25, 1997, if the entire credit cannot be used in the year earned, the
5	remainder may be applied against the income tax for the succeeding four (4)
6	years or until the credit is entirely used, whichever occurs first. For
7	projects approved on or after March 25, 1997, the credit may be applied
8	against income tax for the succeeding nine (9) years or until the credit is
9	entirely used, whichever occurs first.
10	(3) The multiplier allowed under this section shall be four
11	hundred (400) multiplied by the average hourly wage paid with a maximum
12	credit of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) if the business is located in a high-
13	unemployment county.
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