State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1161

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By: Representatives Sabin, Jett, Boyd, G. McGill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE WORKING FAMILIES OPPORTUNITY ACT; TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT BASED ON AN INDIVIDUAL’S INCOME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE WORKING FAMILIES OPPORTUNITY ACT.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Working Families Opportunity Act".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26-51-515. Working Families Opportunity Credit.

(a) There is established the "Working Families Opportunity Credit", which is allowed against the income tax imposed by the Income Tax Act of 1929, § 26-51-101 et seq., in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the credit allowed to the taxpayer under 26 U.S.C. § 32, as it existed on January 1, 2017.

(b) If the amount of the income tax credit allowed under this section exceeds the taxpayer’s income tax liability, the excess shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration shall annually notify taxpayers of their potential eligibility for the income tax credit allowed...
under this section.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017.

/s/Sabin