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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 252

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REGULATE THE LOCATION OF OFFICES  
9 ESTABLISHED OR MAINTAINED BY THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
10 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; TO PROHIBIT THE ARKANSAS  
11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM ESTABLISHING OR  
12 MAINTAINING AN OFFICE IN CHINA; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO PROHIBIT THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
17 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM ESTABLISHING  
18 OR MAINTAINING AN OFFICE IN CHINA.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-209(b)(3), concerning the powers given  
25 to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 (3)(A) ~~Establish~~ Except as provided in subdivision (b)(3)(B) of  
28 this section, establish and maintain international offices, as approved by  
29 the Arkansas Economic Development Council, to assist with the export of  
30 Arkansas-produced goods and services as well as foreign direct investment,  
31 either through the use of contractual employees or by other means.

32 (B) The commission shall not establish or maintain an  
33 office in China;  
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-4-210(b), concerning the foreign  
36 operations of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to



1 read as follows:

2 (b)(1) The Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section,  
3 the commission may establish an Arkansas operation in any country approved by  
4 the Governor and the Arkansas Economic Development Council.

5 (2) The commission shall not establish or maintain an office in  
6 China.

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8 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Closure of existing offices.

9 If the Arkansas Economic Development Commission has already established  
10 or maintains an office in China as of the effective date of this act, the  
11 commission shall close and vacate the office immediately upon the effective  
12 date of this act.

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