



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**ASA HUTCHINSON**  
**GOVERNOR**

February 10, 2015

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request an amendment to SB111, the Annual Operations Appropriation bill for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

Please AMEND the following:

SECTION 2.- APPROPRIATION- STATE OPERATIONS, please add \$2,908,907.00 in appropriation to item (06) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM.

Please ADD the following:

SECTION 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 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 constructed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted elsewhere in the Arkansas statutes for the payment of allowances or bonuses to unclassified employees.

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This request will insure that the Industry Training Program will have adequate appropriation to expend any unanticipated funding, and provides special language to allow additional performance incentive payments by the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission upon prior approval.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Asa Hutchinson

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