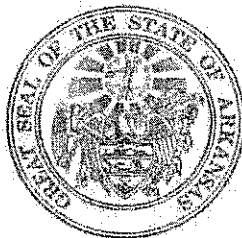


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STATE OF ARKANSAS
 ASA HUTCHINSON
 GOVERNOR

February 22, 2022

Senator Jonathan Dismang, 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 the following amendments to SB67, the 2022-2023 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Commerce.

Please amend SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES – OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT as follows:

Item No.	Class Code Title	Maximum Annual		
		Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2022-2023	
(5)	E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	2	3	GRADE GS09
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12	13	

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION - OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2022-2023
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$522,665
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	160,339
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,447,460</u>
		<u>\$2,514,458</u>

This request will add an additional position which will allow the department staff to operate more efficiently.

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Please amend SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	165,000 65,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	0 50,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0 50,000

This request will reallocate \$100,000 in appropriation from operating to professional fees and capital outlay. The reallocation of appropriation will be utilized for marketing contracts and to replace a vehicle.

Please amend SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE CENTER as follows:

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE CENTER TOURISM FACILITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund, for land acquisition, construction, lease, equipment acquisition, improvements, renovation, major maintenance, personal services, maintenance and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce – Arkansas Wine Center associated with the wine tourism facility in Franklin County, Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(01)	<u>ARKANSAS WINE CENTER EXPENSES TOURISM FACILITY EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$1,250,000</u>

This request will allow the Department of Commerce to construct the Wine Tourism Facility located in Franklin County and allow for any necessary personal services and operating expenses of the facility.

Please amend SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION – RURAL SERVICES DIVISION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
(07)	<u>COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS</u>	<u>100,000</u>
	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>\$1,785,590 \$1,685,590</u>

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Please delete SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. COUNTY FAIR GRANTS and renumber accordingly.

These requests will remove the County Fair Improvement Grants appropriation and special language as the program has transferred to the Department of Agriculture as authorized by Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1272.

Please amend SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION- RURAL SERVICES-FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM as follows and renumber accordingly.

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants and operating expenses for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
<u>(XX) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</u>	
(A) <u>OPER. EXPENSE</u>	\$0
(B) <u>CONF. & TRAVEL</u>	0
(C) <u>PROF. FEES</u>	0
(D) <u>CAP. OUTLAY</u>	50,000
(E) <u>DATA PROC.</u>	0
 <u>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED</u>	 <u>\$850,000</u>

This request will allow the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to purchase vehicles for grant administration of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program. This will be funded by administrative fees received for the program by the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission.

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Please amend SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS as follows:

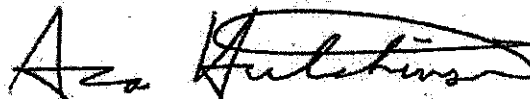
SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of operating foreign offices which shall only (i) provide export trade assistance to Arkansas-based businesses, (ii) facilitate the repatriation to Arkansas of manufacturing businesses operating overseas, and (iii) encourage direct investment in Arkansas of foreign companies that are not state-owned or controlled. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~ 2022, through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

This will amend special language to clarify the permitted functions of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission's foreign offices.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Asa Hutchinson

ARKANSAS SENATE
93rd General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2022
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 67

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 67

Amend Senate Bill No. 67 as originally introduced:

Page 3, line 18, delete "2" and substitute "3"

AND

Page 3, line 22, delete "12" and substitute "13"

AND

Page 3, line 33, delete "\$522,665" and substitute "\$572,887"

AND

Page 3, line 34, delete "160,339" and substitute "177,115"

AND

Page 4, line 6, delete "\$2,447,460" and substitute "\$2,514,458"

AND

Page 4, line 19, delete "165,000" and substitute "65,000"

AND

Page 4, line 21, delete "0" and substitute "50,000"

AND

Page 4, line 22, delete "0" and substitute "50,000"

AND

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Page 5, delete SECTION 8 in its entirety, and substitute the following:
 " SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund, for land acquisition, construction, lease, equipment acquisition, improvements, renovation, major maintenance, personal services, maintenance and operating expenses associated with the wine tourism facility in Franklin County, Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY EXPENSES	2022-2023 <u>\$ 1,250,000</u>

AND

Page 15, delete line 25 in its entirety

AND

Page 15, line 26, delete "\$1,785,590" and substitute "\$1,685,590"

AND

Page 16, delete SECTION 29 in its entirety, and substitute the following:
 " SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants and operating expenses for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	2022-2023
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	
(02) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION GRANTS & AID	800,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 850,000</u>

AND

Page 18, amend SECTION 36 to read as follows"

" SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby

authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of operating foreign offices which shall only (i) provide export trade assistance to Arkansas-based businesses, (ii) facilitate the repatriation to Arkansas manufacturing businesses operating overseas, and (iii) encourage direct investment in Arkansas of foreign companies that are not state-owned or controlled. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023."

AND

Page 25, delete SECTION 47 in its entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber the SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary

1 State of Arkansas
2 93rd General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2022

A Bill

SENATE BILL 67

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
10 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL
16 YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
23 established for the Department of Commerce for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
25

26				Maximum	Maximum Annual
27				No. of	Salary Rate
28	Item	Class			Fiscal Year
29	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2022-2023
30	(1)	SC002	ACOM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE SE05
31	(2)	U063U	ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
32	(3)	N215N	ACOM CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE01
33	(4)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
34	(5)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
35	(6)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
36	(7)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05



1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,436,457</u></u>

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5 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is

6 hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills

7 Development for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

8 regular employees.

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10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	No. Code Title	2022-2023
14	(1) U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
15	(2) G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1 GRADE GS12
16	(3) E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	4 GRADE GS10
17	(4) E073C APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION COORDINATOR	1 GRADE GS10
18	(5) E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	2 3 GRADE GS09
19	(6) A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	1 GRADE GS08
20	(7) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1 GRADE GS05
21	(8) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u> GRADE GS04
22	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12 13

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24 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

25 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce,

26 to be payable from the Skills Development Fund, for personal services,

27 operating expenses, and expenses of the Apprenticeship Program by the

28 Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development Administration -

29 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	NO.	2022-2023
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$522,665 \$572,887
34	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	160,339 \$177,115
35	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	143,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(04) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	<u>1,611,456</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,447,460</u>
7		<u>\$2,514,458</u>

8 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 10 Skills Development Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and
 11 grants by of the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development for
 12 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$189,846
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	59,807
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$65,000 +65,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0 \$50,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0 \$50,000
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(04) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	4,500,000
25	(05) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	15,000,000
26	(06) WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	3,500,000
27	(07) INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION TESTING	<u>100,000</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$23,524,653</u></u>

30 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING
 31 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
 32 payable from the Arkansas Construction Industry Craft Training Trust Fund,
 33 for personal services, operating expenses, and grants by the Department of
 34 Commerce - Construction Industry Craft Training Program for the fiscal year
 35 ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	NO.	2022-2023
3	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$53,335
4	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	19,537
5	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,000
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,500
8	(C) PROF. FEES	0
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10	(E) DATA PROC.	0
11	(04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT	
12	TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>800,000</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$892,372</u></u>

15 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL. There is
 16 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 17 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous grants and expenses of
 18 the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Wine Producers Council for the fiscal
 19 year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	NO.	2022-2023
23	(01) ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL	<u>\$5,000</u>

~~25 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE CENTER. There is hereby~~
~~26 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Tourism~~
~~27 Development Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce~~
~~28 Arkansas Wine Center for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the~~
~~29 following:~~

New Language: See Amendment MAH082

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	NO.	2022-2023
33	(01) ARKANSAS WINE CENTER EXPENSES	<u>\$1,250,000</u>

35 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION. There is
 36 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	NO.	2022-2023
3	(01) STEM PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$40,000</u>

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5 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
7 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal
8 services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce
9 - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State
10 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	NO.	2022-2023
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$154,934
15	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
16	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	52,518
17	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
24	(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	1,000,000
25	(07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	100,000
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,785,590</u>
27		<u>\$1,685,590</u>

28 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.

29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
30 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
31 Fiscal Officer of the State, for conference expenses of the Rural Services
32 Division of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
33 Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
34 following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
2	(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$100,000</u>

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~~4 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION~~
~~5 RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is~~
~~6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the~~
~~7 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal~~
~~8 Officer of the State, for grants for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation~~
~~9 Education Program by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic~~
~~10 Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the~~

11 following: *New Language: see Amendment MAH082*
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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
15	(01) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	
16	EDUCATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$800,000</u>

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18 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS
 19 ENTERPRISE LOAN MOBILIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 20 Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Minority and Women-Owned
 21 Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, for promotion and development of
 22 minority and women-owned business enterprises in the state, increasing the
 23 ability of minority and women-owned business enterprises to compete for state
 24 contracts, and sustaining the economic growth of minority and women-owned
 25 business enterprises for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
29	(01) MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS	
30	ENTERPRISE MOBILIZATION LOAN PROGRAM	<u>\$500,000</u>

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32 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - LAW ENFORCEMENT
 33 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce -
 34 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division, to be
 35 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 36 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants to law enforcement agencies

1 other line item authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act.

2 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
3 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
4 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
5 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
6 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
7 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly
8 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
9 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
10 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this
11 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
12 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior review of the Legislative
13 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The
14 requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is
15 not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of review by the
16 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
17 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
19 ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

21 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY
23 TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission
24 (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds
25 for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital
26 acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific
27 training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry
28 training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint
29 Budget Committee.

30 The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
31 2022 through July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023.

32 *New Language: See Amendment MAH082 [To be reviewed by Special Language]*

~~33 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
35 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby
36 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public~~

~~1 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of
2 operating foreign offices. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed
3 restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard
4 Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices,
5 and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established
6 by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.
7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021
8 2022 through June 30, 2022 2023.~~

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10 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
12 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
13 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance
14 (CDBG)- Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
15 allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside
16 from the annual Community Development Block Grant, as defined in AEDC's
17 Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban
18 Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be
19 used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the
20 Consolidated Plan.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021
22 2022 through June 30, 2022 2023.

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24 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
26 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all
27 applications for grant funds and shall certify those applications eligible
28 for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural Services
29 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall
30 recommend which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse
31 grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants
32 receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
33 Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the
34 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and
35 regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds
36 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition

1 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
 2 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
 3 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
 4 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
 5 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
 6 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly
 7 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
 8 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
 9 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
 10 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
 11 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
 12 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this Section. The requirement of
 13 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
 14 severable part of this Section. If the requirement of approval by the
 15 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
 16 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021
 18 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

19 *Eliminate Section 47 per Amendment MAH 082 -*

*To be heard by
 Special Language*

~~20 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY
 22 FAIR GRANTS. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
 23 Commission shall develop the necessary rules and regulations for the
 24 disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for the construction,
 25 renovation and/or improvements to county fairgrounds. The grants shall be
 26 matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county fair
 27 shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.~~

~~28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021
 29 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.~~

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 31 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
 33 AWARD CRITERIA. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
 34 Development Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the criteria
 35 to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this Act.
 36 Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas