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4 By: *Joint Budget Committee*

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2055

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7 For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
9 ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ARKANSAS
10 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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13 Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
15 AT LITTLE ROCK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
16 APPROPRIATION."

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

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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
21 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the General
22 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

23 (A) For the operation of the Arkansas Small Business Development
24 Center, the sum of \$500,000 for each fiscal year of the biennial period
25 ending June 30, 1997.

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27 SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The General Assembly finds and declares that in
28 1994 alone the Arkansas Small Business Development Center assisted 140
29 clients in obtaining loans totaling approximately \$35,000,000, providing more
30 than 11,000 hours of professional consulting, conducted 218 seminars for
31 4,155 attendees in 49 Arkansas cities utilizing 84 business people as
32 volunteer speakers. In the event that federal dollars from the U.S. Small
33 Business Administration for the Arkansas Small Business Development Center
34 are reduced or eliminated, thousands of Arkansas small business people could
35 be adversely affected. Therefore, the General Assembly hereby proposes to

1 mitigate against these potential losses by providing funds for the ongoing
2 operations of the Arkansas Small Business Development Center at the
3 University of Arkansas at Little Rock and its offices statewide.

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5 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
6 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
7 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
8 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
9 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
10 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
11 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
12 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
13 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
14 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
15 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
16 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this Act.

17 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
18 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
19 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
20 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
21 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
22 disbursement of any funds provided by this Act unless specifically provided
23 otherwise by law.

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25 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
27 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
28 which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 5. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and
35 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and

1 the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
4 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
5 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
6 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
7 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 7. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
10 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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12 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
13 Eightieth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
14 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period;
15 that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1995 is essential to the
16 operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are
17 provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the
18 delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1995 could work
19 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential
20 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
21 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after
23 July 1, 1995.

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/s/Rep. E. Thicksten

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