

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1496

5 By: Representative Jackson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT
10 OF 1993 TO REQUIRE THAT QUALIFYING EMPLOYEES BE
11 HIRED WITHIN SIXTY (60) MONTHS OF APPROVAL OF THE
12 INCENTIVE AGREEMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE INCOME
13 TAX CREDIT MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD FOR NINE (9)
14 YEARS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 MONTHS OF APPROVAL OF THE INCENTIVE
20 AGREEMENT AND TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX
21 CREDIT CARRYFORWARD PROVISIONS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-1704(h), concerning the income tax
28 credit available under the Arkansas Enterprise Zone Act of 1993, is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 (h)(1) The Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and
31 Administration shall authorize an income tax credit equal to one hundred
32 (100) times the average hourly wage paid, with a maximum of three thousand
33 dollars (\$3,000) per net new full-time permanent employee hired within sixty
34 (60) months following the date of the approved financial incentive plan of a
35 business qualifying under subsection (b) of this section.

36 (2)~~(A)~~ This tax credit ~~shall~~ may be used for the taxable year in



1 which the net new full-time permanent employee was hired or carried forward
2 for nine (9) years after the year in which the credit was first earned.

3 ~~(B) However, with respect to projects approved prior to~~
4 ~~March 25, 1997, if the entire credit cannot be used in the year earned, the~~
5 ~~remainder may be applied against the income tax for the succeeding four (4)~~
6 ~~years or until the credit is entirely used, whichever occurs first. For~~
7 ~~projects approved on or after March 25, 1997, the credit may be applied~~
8 ~~against income tax for the succeeding nine (9) years or until the credit is~~
9 ~~entirely used, whichever occurs first.~~

10 (3) The multiplier allowed under this section shall be four
11 hundred (400) multiplied by the average hourly wage paid with a maximum
12 credit of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) if the business is located in a high-
13 unemployment county.

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