

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.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2949

5 By: Representative J. Martin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF JOB  
9 OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

12 AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF JOB  
13 OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 4 is amended to add an  
21 additional subchapter to read as follows:

22 15-4-3101. Title.

23 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Job Creation  
24 Economic Development Act".  
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26 15-4-3102. Legislative Intent.

27 The General Assembly finds that:

28 (1) The Department of Economic Development has many varied  
29 duties; and

30 (2) The people of the state of Arkansas would benefit from the  
31 creation of a division within the department that would focus state resources  
32 into developing a job creation plan with the goal of expanding the  
33 agricultural, industrial, technological, and telecommunication business  
34 sectors of the state.  
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36 15-4-3103. Division of Job Creation established.



The Division of Job Creation of the Department of Economic Development:

(1) Is established and confirmed within the Department of Economic Development under the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission;

(2) Shall be operated as a division within the department; and

(3) Shall perform the functions and duties as provided in this subchapter.

15-4-3104. Division of Job Creation-Administrator.

(a) The Governor shall appoint an Administrator of the Division of Job Creation of the Department of Economic Development.

(b) The administrator shall direct the day-to-day operations of the division.

15-4-3105. Division of Job Creation-Duties.

(a) The Division of Job Creation of the Department of Economic Development shall assist the Department of Economic Development and the Division of Minority Business Enterprise of the Department of Economic Development in:

(1) The creation of job opportunities in each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state;

(2) Developing a twenty-year plan to transform Arkansas communities by the creation of job opportunities in each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state;

(3) Developing technology-based businesses through cluster-based development practices;

(4) Developing information and telecommunications-based businesses in the State of Arkansas; and

(5) Generating the growth of small businesses throughout the state of Arkansas.

(b) The Division of Job Creation of the Department of Economic Development shall perform other duties necessary to facilitate the purposes of the Department of Economic Development and the Division of Minority Business Enterprise with regard to job creation, as determined by the Department of Economic Development and consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

15-4-3106. Job Creation Council established - Duties.

(a) The Job Creation Council is established and it shall represent the Division of Job Creation of the Department of Economic Development.

(b)(1) The council shall consist of seven (7) members appointed as follows:

(A) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(B) The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint one (1) member with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(C) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint two (2) members; and

(D) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two (2) members.

(2)(A) Appointments shall be representative of the business community in each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state.

(B) Each of the four (4) congressional districts of the state shall be represented on the council.

(c) Members shall serve on the council at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by law, members of the council shall serve without compensation.

(e) The council shall:

(1) Monitor progress, make recommendations, and develop strategic plans for performance improvement; and

(2) Report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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