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A Bill

SENATE BILL 430

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC
9 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
10 PROJECTS, GRANTS, AND PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
16 COMMISSION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
17 APPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the
24 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
25 following:

26 (A) for a transfer to the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action
27 Closing Fund, for incentives to attract new business and economic development
28 to the State, in a sum not to exceed.....\$50,000,000.

29 (B) for funding for grants and/or loans to state agencies, cities,
30 counties, community-based non-profit organizations and other eligible
31 entities to undertake public works projects and/or job training efforts which
32 support private sector job creation opportunities, alleviate conditions which
33 constitute a threat to public health and well being, or partially defray the
34 costs of providing access to publicly owned industrial parks, and/or
35 technology parks; to provide grants and/or loans for the expansion of the
36 aircraft and aerospace industry; grants and/or loans for port and waterway



economic development projects; grants and/or loans for technology based economic development projects; grants and/or loans for industrial site development costs (including, but not limited to land acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition); development of intermodal facilities (including, but not limited to port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements); grants and/or loans to pay the costs of environmental mitigation projects; and for construction and/or improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed.....\$20,000,000.

(C) for funding for an investment in Arkansas' workforce through training incentives for companies located in Arkansas to upgrade skills of their existing workforce, or for a potential new workforce, and to build capacity within Arkansas to supply on-going training needs of Arkansas companies and to increase participation in the State's school-to-work initiatives, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

(D) for allocation by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for activities associated with the implementation of the State's strategic plan for economic development, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

(E) for the costs associated with providing production rebates to the Digital Product and Motion Picture industry, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

(F) for payments on bonds issued for economic development projects authorized under Amendment 82 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas of 1874, in a sum not to exceed.....\$20,000,000.

(G) a transfer to the Innovate Arkansas Fund to provide assistance to start-up technology oriented businesses, in a sum not to exceed\$5,000,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, the following:

(A) for incentives to attract new business and economic development to the State, in a sum not to exceed.....\$50,000,000.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the
2 Innovate Arkansas Fund, the following:

3 (A) for funds to provide assistance to start-up technology oriented
4 businesses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.
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6 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM -
7 CREATE REBATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Economic Development
8 Commission, to be payable from the Economic Development Incentive Fund of the
9 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the following:

10 (A) for financial incentives to companies locating a new facility or
11 expanding an existing facility within the state of Arkansas and for companies
12 that hire and maintain specified levels of employment, as identified in
13 signed financial agreements, in a sum not to exceed.....\$37,500,000.
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15 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
16 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
17 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
18 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
19 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
20 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
21 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
22 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
23 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
24 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
25 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
26 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

27 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
28 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
29 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
30 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
31 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
32 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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34 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
35 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
36 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

1 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
2 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
3 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
4 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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7 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
8 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
9 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
11 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
12 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
13 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
14 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
15 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
16 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
17 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.
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