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A Bill

SENATE BILL 31

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 ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND
10 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
11 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND
15 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY APPROPRIATION FOR
16 THE 2015-2016 FISCAL 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. There is hereby established for the
23 Arkansas Science and Technology Authority for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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26				Maximum Annual
27				Salary Rate
28	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
29	No.	Code	No. of	2015-2016
	No.	Code	Employees	
30	(1)	U063U	ASTA DIRECTOR	1 \$107,553
31	(2)	N186N	ASTA DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1 GRADE N907
32	(3)	G033N	ASTA AMS DIRECTOR	1 GRADE N906
33	(4)	N094N	ASTA EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1 GRADE N906
34	(5)	B012N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIR. OF ENGINEERING	1 GRADE N903
35	(6)	G034N	ASTA ASST DIR. SALES AND MARKETING	1 GRADE N903
36	(7)	G030N	ASTA ASST DIR. OF STEM EDUCATION	1 GRADE N902



1	(8)	B018N	ASTA FIELD ENGINEER	7	GRADE N902
2	(9)	A002N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE N901
3	(10)	B015N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE N901
4	(11)	G035N	ASTA SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N901
5	(12)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
6	(13)	B016C	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE C126
7	(14)	P004C	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
8	(15)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
9	(16)	G137C	ASTA RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
10	(17)	G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
11	(18)	D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
12	(19)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
13	(20)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
14	(21)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
15	(22)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
16	(23)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE C112
17	(24)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
18			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	30	

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20 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
 21 Science and Technology Authority for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following
 22 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 23 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2)
 24 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 25 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 26 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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28 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable
 30 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and
 31 operating expenses of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - State
 32 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$723,818

1	(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
2	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	232,755
3	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
6	(C) PROF. FEES	16,800
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(05) ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
10	(06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
11	(07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
12	(08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAMS	<u>6,500,000</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,474,157</u></u>

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 15 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is
 16 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be
 17 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 18 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in technology based
 19 businesses by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Seed Capital
 20 Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
24	(01) INVESTMENTS	<u><u>\$1,900,000</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK -
 27 STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology
 28 Authority, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for
 29 grants by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas
 30 Manufacturing Extension Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 31 2016, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
35	(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u><u>\$257,182</u></u>

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$281,580
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	84,246
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ASSIST/OTHER GRANTS & AID	240,000
(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>325,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$941,110</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$579,828
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	177,328

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
4	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
8	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER	
9	GRANTS AND AID	<u>13,270</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,455,986</u></u>

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12 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS EPSCOR - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 13 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable
 14 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 15 State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the
 16 Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas EPSCOR - Federal for the
 17 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$197,695
22	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	60,116
23	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,518
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	74,800
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY	
30	DEVELOPMENT/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>3,467,686</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,994,815</u></u>

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33 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS EPSCOR II - FEDERAL. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be
 35 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 36 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by

1 the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas EPSCOR II - Federal
 2 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,218
7 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,952
8 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	34,280
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	133,200
11 (C) PROF. FEES	55,500
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	0
14 (04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY	
15 DEVELOPMENT/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>2,909,850</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,150,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby
 19 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable
 20 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 21 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the
 22 Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the
 23 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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25 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
27 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
29 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
30 (C) PROF. FEES	0
31 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32 (E) DATA PROC.	0
33 (02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND OTHER GRANTS	
34 AND AID	<u>90,000</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u>\$18,700,000</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - STEM EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - STEM Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,701
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>15,320</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$66,021</u>

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to be made available solely for the benefit of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority to provide additional Seed Capital Investments.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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2 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
4 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Arkansas Science and Technology
5 Authority is authorized to carry forward an amount of up to \$150,000 of any
6 obligated but unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in
7 Section 3 for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of
8 the fiscal year ~~2015~~ 2016 to be used for the same purpose.

9 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may
10 be carried forward under the following conditions:

11 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016 the Agency shall by written statement set
12 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
13 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

14 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
15 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
16 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
17 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
18 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
19 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
20 written request set forth in (1) above;

21 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
22 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
23 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
24 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
25 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
26 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
27 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
28 Committee; and

29 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
30 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
31 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
33 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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35 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND

1 BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available
2 balances received by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority from
3 Client Services provided through the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network
4 – Federal appropriation, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing
5 Extension Network – Cash Fund Account.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~
7 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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9 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

11 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief
12 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Science and
13 Technology Authority is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from
14 the State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration Fund Programs line item within
15 the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund.
16 The total of all transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
18 ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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20 SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
21 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
22 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
23 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
24 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
25 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
26 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
27 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
28 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.