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A Bill

SENATE BILL 43

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 ECONOMIC
10 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
11 JUNE 30, 2017; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR
16 THE 2016-2017 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 Economic Development Commission for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2016-2017
30	(1) U055U	AEDC DIRECTOR	1	\$139,706
31	(2) U105U	AEDC DEP DIR FINANCE & ADMIN	1	\$119,839
32	(3) U059U	AEDC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$119,839
33	(4) N180N	AEDC ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
34	(5) N062N	AEDC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIV DIR	1	GRADE N908
35	(6) N061N	AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908
36	(7) N059N	AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N908



1	(8)	N085N	AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE N907
2	(9)	N084N	AEDC MRKT & COMMUNICATIONS DIR	1	GRADE N907
3	(10)	N083N	AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N907
4	(11)	G245C	AEDC DIR OF COMM DEV & IMPROVEMENT	1	GRADE C128
5	(12)	G014C	AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE C128
6	(13)	P002C	AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE C128
7	(14)	G013C	AEDC MANAGER OF STRATEGIC ENERGY DEV	1	GRADE C128
8	(15)	G015C	AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE C128
9	(16)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
10	(17)	A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE C127
11	(18)	G048C	AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE C126
12	(19)	R006C	HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
13	(20)	G062C	AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	40	GRADE C125
14	(21)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	GRADE C124
15	(22)	D029C	SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE C124
16	(23)	R013C	AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
17	(24)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
18	(25)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
19	(26)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C121
20	(27)	G248C	ENERGY PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
21	(28)	G159C	DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
22	(29)	G148C	ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE C119
23	(30)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
24	(31)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
25	(32)	D065C	NETWORK SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C118
26	(33)	D064C	WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE C118
27	(34)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	3	GRADE C117
28	(35)	R027C	BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C117
29	(36)	G180C	GRANTS ANALYST	5	GRADE C117
30	(37)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
31	(38)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
32	(39)	P027C	PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C116
33	(40)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
34	(41)	R033C	BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
35	(42)	D077C	HELP DESK SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
36	(43)	P041C	COMMERCIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE C114

1 (44) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III 7 GRADE C112
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 100

4 SECTION 2. REGULAR SALARIES - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

5 There is hereby established for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
 6 - Division of Science and Technology for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the
 7 following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2016-2017
13	(1) U063U	ASTA DIRECTOR	1	\$107,553
14	(2) N186N	ASTA DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N907
15	(3) G033N	ASTA AMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
16	(4) N094N	ASTA EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
17	(5) B012N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIR. OF ENGINEERING	1	GRADE N903
18	(6) G034N	ASTA ASST DIR. SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE N903
19	(7) G030N	ASTA ASST DIR. OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE N902
20	(8) B018N	ASTA FIELD ENGINEER	7	GRADE N902
21	(9) A002N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE N901
22	(10) B015N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE N901
23	(11) G035N	ASTA SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N901
24	(12) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
25	(13) B016C	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE C126
26	(14) P004C	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
27	(15) A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
28	(16) G137C	ASTA RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
29	(17) G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
30	(18) D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
31	(19) C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
32	(20) A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
33	(21) A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
34	(22) B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
35	(23) C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE C112
36	(24) A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112

1 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 2 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal
 3 services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the
 4 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal
 5 year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,780,069
10 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,493,043
11 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,548,238
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
14 (C) PROF. FEES	1,465,000
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0
17 (04) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
18 GRANTS	1,000,000
19 (05) FAR EAST TRADE/IND RECRUITMENT	150,000
20 (06) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	14,221,586
21 (07) FOR STATE MATCHING OF FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>228,500</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,127,922</u></u>

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 24 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE - FEDERAL. There is
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 26 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 27 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by
 28 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance - Federal
 29 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$296,222
34 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	100,897
35 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	27,500,000
6	(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
7	(06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$36,248,043</u></u>

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10 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE ENERGY PLAN - FEDERAL. There is

11 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

12 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

13 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by

14 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Energy Plan - Federal

15 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$226,499
20	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	82,221
21	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	118,273
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	36,788
24	(C) PROF. FEES	268,085
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(04) ENERGY CONSERVATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>551,952</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,283,818</u></u>

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30 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS - CASH. There is

31 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

32 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

33 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating

34 expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission

35 - Energy Efficiency Arkansas - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017,

36 the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,119
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,927
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	93,900
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,000
9	(C) PROF. FEES	750,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	0
12	(04) ENERGY EFFICIENCY ARKANSAS GRANTS	<u>450,000</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,406,946</u></u>
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15 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CLEAN CITIES COALITION - CASH. There is
 16 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, 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 operating expenses and grants and
 19 aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Clean Cities Coalition
 20 - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

21		
22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
24	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$20,000
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,750
27	(C) PROF. FEES	105,255
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	0
30	(02) GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROJECTS	<u>55,000</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$189,005</u></u>
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33 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PROGRAM. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 35 payable from the Technology Acceleration Fund, for investment incentives to
 36 enhance the economy of the state through technology development of the

1 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Technology Acceleration Program
 2 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
6 (01) TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PRGM	<u>\$30,000,000</u>

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8 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby
 9 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 10 from the Economic Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects
 11 as defined by Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Arkansas
 12 Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year ending
 13 June 30, 2017, the following:

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
17 (01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$200,000,000</u>

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19 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. There
 20 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to
 21 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 22 of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid
 23 by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Weatherization Assistance
 24 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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26 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
28 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$193,426
29 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	69,591
30 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,500
32 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,750
33 (C) PROF. FEES	13,500
34 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35 (E) DATA PROC.	0
36 (04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	2,000

1	(05) WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	<u>8,000,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,304,767</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 6 payable from the New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and
 7 reimbursements of performance program application fees of the Arkansas
 8 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
 9 fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
13	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$875,781</u></u>

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 15 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby
 16 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 17 from the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for
 18 incentives to attract new business and economic development to the State by
 19 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing Fund for
 20 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

21		
22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
24	(01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u><u>\$50,000,000</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE
 27 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic
 28 Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund
 29 Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the
 30 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and Technology
 31 - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$724,118
36	(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000

1	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	232,845
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
5	(C) PROF. FEES	16,800
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(05) ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
9	(06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
10	(07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
11	(08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>6,500,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,474,547</u></u>

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 14 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED
 15 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
 16 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited
 17 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
 18 for investments in technology based businesses by the Arkansas Economic
 19 Development Commission - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year
 20 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
24	(01) INVESTMENTS	<u><u>\$1,900,000</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 27 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby
 28 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 29 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants by the Arkansas
 30 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network -
 31 State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
35	(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u><u>\$257,182</u></u>

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1 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 2 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 3 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 4 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 5 State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field
 6 services by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas
 7 Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 8 2017, the following:

10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$281,580
13 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	84,246
14 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17 (C) PROF. FEES	0
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	0
20 (04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
21 TRANSFER ASSIST/OTHER GRANTS & AID	240,000
22 (05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>325,000</u>
23 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$941,110</u></u>

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 25 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 26 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby
 27 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable
 28 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 29 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and
 30 grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas
 31 Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 32 2017, the following:

34 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
36 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$579,828

1	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	177,328
2	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
5	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
9	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,455,986</u></u>

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12 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 13 ARKANSAS EPSCOR - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
 14 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as
 15 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services,
 16 operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development
 17 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 18 2017, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$197,695
23	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	60,116
24	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,518
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	74,800
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	0
30	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/	
31	OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>3,467,686</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,994,815</u></u>

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34 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 35 ARKANSAS EPSCOR II - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
 36 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as

1 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services,
 2 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development
 3 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR II - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 4 2017, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,218
9 (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	3,952
10 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	34,280
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	133,200
13 (C) PROF. FEES	55,500
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/ 17 OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>2,909,850</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,150,000</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY
 21 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic
 22 Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the
 23 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 24 operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development
 25 Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 26 2017, the following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
30 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
32 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
33 (C) PROF. FEES	0
34 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35 (E) DATA PROC.	0
36 (02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND OTHER GRANTS	

1	& AID	<u>90,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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4 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

5 ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas

6 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration

7 Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the State

8 through technology and knowledge-based development of the Arkansas Economic

9 Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year

10 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

11		
12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
14	(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u><u>\$18,700,000</u></u>

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16 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM

17 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic

18 Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the

19 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

20 personal services of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem

21 Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,701
26	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<u>15,320</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$66,021</u></u>

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29 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

30 INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic

31 Development Commission - Division of Science and Technology, to be payable

32 from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, the following:

33 (A) for a grant or transfer to the Innovate Arkansas Fund for personal

34 services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development

35 Commission - Innovate Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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1 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.

2 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development
 3 Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for
 4 personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas
 5 Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State Operations
 6 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

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8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 NO.	2016-2017
10 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$237,427
11 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
12 (03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	78,704
13 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
16 (C) PROF. FEES	0
17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18 (E) DATA PROC.	0
19 (05) GRANTS/AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
20 (06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	500,000
21 (07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,394,269</u></u>

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24 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE

25 EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development
 26 Commission, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code
 27 19-4-801 of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, for conference
 28 expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services
 29 Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the following:

30

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 NO.	2016-2017
33 (01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$75,000</u>

34

35 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL
 36 RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas

1 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Animal Rescue and
 2 Shelter Trust Fund, for providing grants to counties or municipalities for
 3 infrastructure, construction, renovation, personal services and maintenance
 4 and operations for animal rescues or animal shelters by the Arkansas Economic
 5 Development Commission - Animal Rescue/Shelters Grants for the fiscal year
 6 ending June 30, 2017, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 NO.	<u>2016-2017</u>
10 (01) ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS & AID	<u>\$5,328</u>

11
 12 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE
 13 FEE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development
 14 Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for
 15 maintenance and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development
 16 Commission - Rural Services Division for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 17 2017, the following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 NO.	<u>2016-2017</u>
21 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$45,395
23 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
24 (C) PROF. FEES	0
25 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$45,395</u>

28
 29 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ARKANSAS UNPAVED
 30 ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic
 31 Development Commission, to be payable from the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program
 32 Fund, for grants or operating expenses for the Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program
 33 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the sum of.....\$250,000.
 34

35 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY

1 TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission
2 (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds
3 for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital
4 acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific
5 training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry
6 training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint
7 Budget Committee. In addition to training expenses, funds made available to
8 support the appropriation for ITP herein may be used to acquire capital
9 equipment necessary to enhance the capabilities of the Arkansas Industry
10 Training Programs and for expenses necessary to assist in carrying on the
11 Existing Worker Training Program. When not in use in an ITP managed course
12 of training, the equipment purchased under this provision shall be stored at
13 a location to be determined by the Executive Director of AEDC.

14 The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
15 2016 through July 1, ~~2016~~ 2017.

16
17 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
19 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby
20 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public
21 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of
22 operating foreign offices. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed
23 restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard
24 Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices
25 and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established
26 by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
28 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

29
30 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MULTI-USE
32 FACILITIES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
33 structure its annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new
34 Five Year Consolidated Plan to reflect the legislative intent for a priority
35 to be placed on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for
36 Multi-use facilities that will offer combined facilities for programs

1 commonly offered in separate facilities such as senior centers, public health
2 centers, childcare centers and community centers. AEDC shall report the
3 methodology for complying with this priority to the Legislative Council.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
5 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

6
7 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC
9 PARTICIPATION. Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall make
10 additional efforts to increase non-traditional public participation in its
11 annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new Five Year
12 Consolidated Plan. These efforts shall be in addition to current public
13 notification methods. Notification should be considered through direct mail-
14 out to mayors and county judges, contacts with planning and development
15 districts, contact with the Department of Rural Services, submissions to
16 grant notification publications, and publication on AEDC's web page. AEDC is
17 encouraged to develop additional innovative public awareness strategies.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
19 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

20
21 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
23 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
24 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community
25 Assistance-Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
26 allocate \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside from the
27 Economic Development Set-Aside, as defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed
28 with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds
29 allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be used exclusively for
30 grants to rural communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
32 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

33
34 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
36 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all

1 applications for grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside and shall
 2 certify to the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic
 3 Development Commission those applications eligible for grant funds under AEDC
 4 and federal guidelines. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the
 5 Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall decide which grant
 6 applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the
 7 Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants receiving final approval by
 8 the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic
 9 Development Commission. AEDC and the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of
 10 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and
 11 regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds
 12 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition
 13 of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing
 14 Committee.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2015
 16 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

17
 18 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 20 PROVISION - FOREIGN OFFICES. If at any time during the fiscal year, the
 21 Director determines that market conditions warrant, the Arkansas Economic
 22 Development Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation, after
 23 receiving the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior
 24 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, between the
 25 Foreign Offices in the State Operations Section of this Act for the purpose
 26 of responding to changes in the world markets.

27 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
 28 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
 29 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
 30 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
 31 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
 32 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
 33 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
 34 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
 35 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
 36 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly

1 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
2 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
3 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
4 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
5 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
6 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
8 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

9
10 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
12 PROVISION. If at any time during the fiscal year, savings are accomplished
13 in the appropriation provided for "Far East Trade/Industry Recruitment" and
14 "Regular Salaries" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such
15 appropriation savings may be transferred to the appropriations made for
16 "Maintenance and General Operations" in the State Operations Section of this
17 Act after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
18 Committee. In addition, if at any time during the fiscal year, savings are
19 accomplished in the appropriation provided for "Maintenance and General
20 Operations" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation
21 savings may be transferred to the appropriation for "Far East Trade/Industry
22 Recruitment" and in the State Operations Section of this Act, after prior
23 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

24 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
25 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
26 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
27 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
28 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
29 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
30 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
31 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
32 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
33 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
34 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
35 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
36 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a

1 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
2 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
3 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
5 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

6
7 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
9 PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
10 State and prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
11 Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is
12 authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item appropriation
13 authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act
14 to any other line item authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -
15 Federal Section of this Act.

16 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
17 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
18 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
19 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
20 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
21 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
22 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
23 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
24 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
25 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
26 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
27 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
28 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
29 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
30 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
31 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
33 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

34
35 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

1 FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas
2 Economic Development Commission within this Act relating to the appropriation
3 in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section shall be used only when
4 necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and
5 shall require approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
6 Committee.

7 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
8 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
9 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
10 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
11 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
12 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
13 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
14 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
15 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.

16 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
17 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
18 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
19 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
20 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
21 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
22 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
24 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

25
26 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
28 PROVISION - INDUSTRY TRAINING. If during the fiscal year, the Industry
29 Training Division effects savings in item (06), State Operations Section of
30 this Act, such savings may be transferred to item (03), Maintenance and
31 General Operations, of the State Operations Section of this Act, after
32 obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior
33 review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if
34 any savings are effected in the fiscal year in item (03), Maintenance and
35 General Operations, of the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings
36 may be transferred to item (06), Industry Training Program, of the State

1 Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal
2 Officer of the State and after prior approval by the Legislative Council or
3 Joint Budget Committee.

4 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
5 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
6 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
7 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
8 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
9 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
10 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
11 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
12 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
13 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
14 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
15 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
16 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
17 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
18 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
19 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
21 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

22
23 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
25 TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from time to
26 time on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of
27 the State the sum not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) from
28 Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the
29 Technology Acceleration Fund to provide funds for the appropriation herein.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
31 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

32
33 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

35 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic
36 Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to

1 the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private
2 funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic
3 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development
4 Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of
5 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary
6 and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries
7 established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in
8 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted
9 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to
10 unclassified employees.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
12 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

13
14 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
16 FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the
17 Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
18 Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be
19 carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent
20 and purposes as set forth in law.

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

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

26 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
27 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
28 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
29 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
30 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
31 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
32 written request set forth in (1) above;

33 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
34 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
35 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
36 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for

1 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
 2 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
 3 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
 4 Committee; and

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

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016
 9 through June 30, 2017.

10
 11 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED
 13 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding
 14 general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the
 15 repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the ~~Arkansas Division of~~
 16 ~~Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development~~
 17 ~~Commission~~, shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the
 18 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and shall remain in the Miscellaneous
 19 Agencies Fund Account to be made available solely for the benefit of the
 20 ~~Arkansas Division of Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas~~
 21 ~~Economic Development Commission~~ to provide additional Seed Capital
 22 Investments.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
 24 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

25
 26 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 28 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The ~~Arkansas Division of~~ Science and
 29 ~~Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ is
 30 authorized to carry forward an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but
 31 unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in Section ~~3~~ 16 for
 32 basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year
 33 ~~2016~~ 2017 to be used for the same purpose.

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

36 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017 the Agency shall by written statement set

1 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
2 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

3 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
4 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
5 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
6 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
7 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
8 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
9 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
22 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

23
24 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
26 BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available
27 balances received by the ~~Arkansas~~ Division of Science and Technology
28 Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission from Client
29 Services provided through the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network –
30 Federal appropriation, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing
31 Extension Network – Cash Fund Account.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
33 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

34
35 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

1 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief
 2 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the ~~Arkansas~~ Division of
 3 Science and Technology Authority of the Arkansas Economic Development
 4 Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from the
 5 Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration
 6 Fund Programs line item within the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the
 7 Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all transfers shall not exceed
 8 \$3,500,000.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 10 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

11
 12 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GENERAL
 14 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. The ~~Department of~~ Rural Services
 15 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to
 16 retain and utilize for administrative cost purposes up to one and one half
 17 percent (1.5%) of the total amount of any General Improvement Fund moneys
 18 received for projects authorized for disbursement through the ~~department~~
 19 division by the General Assembly.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 21 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

22
 23 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 25 TRANSFER. Upon request of the Director of the ~~Department of~~ Rural Services
 26 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal
 27 Officer of the State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from time to
 28 time, shall cause to be transferred on his books and those of the State
 29 Treasurer and Auditor of State, an amount not to exceed one and one half
 30 percent (1.5%) from the various sub funds created in any General Improvement
 31 Fund, established for disbursement through the ~~Department of~~ Rural Services
 32 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to the
 33 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

34 The funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from the
 35 various sub funds established in any General Improvement Fund pursuant to
 36 this section shall be made available and utilized solely by the ~~Department~~

1 of Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
2 for maintenance and general operations costs.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
4 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

5
6 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June
9 30, of each fiscal year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the
10 ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
11 Commission that were transferred from the various sub funds created in any
12 General Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund
13 projects shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made
14 available to the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas
15 Economic Development Commission and utilized for the same purpose during the
16 following fiscal year.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
18 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

19
20 SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY
22 FAIR GRANTS. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas
23 Economic Development Commission shall develop the necessary rules and
24 regulations for the disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for
25 the construction, renovation and/or improvements to county fair grounds. The
26 grants shall be matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind.
27 No county fair shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
29 ~~2015~~ 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

30
31 SECTION 54. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
33 AWARD CRITERIA. The ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas
34 Economic Development Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the
35 criteria to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this
36 Act. Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas

1 Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the ~~Department of Rural~~
2 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall
3 distribute the grants.

4 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
5 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
6 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
7 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
8 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
9 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
10 has determined that the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the Arkansas
11 Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some
12 flexibility is provided to the ~~Department of Rural Services~~ Division of the
13 Arkansas Economic Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this
14 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
15 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
16 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The
17 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
18 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
19 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional
20 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2015~~
22 2016 through June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

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24 SECTION 55. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
25 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
26 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
27 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
28 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
29 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
30 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
31 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
32 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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34 SECTION 56. 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 57. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
8 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
9 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2016 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, 2016 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, 2016.
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