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2	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2706(c), concerning investment tax
3	credits under the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003, is amended to add an
4	additional subdivision to read as follows:
5	(7)(A) A qualified business may apply for the retention tax
6	credit under this subsection through June 30, 2017.
7	(B)(i) An application for the retention tax credit under
8	this subsection shall not be accepted on or after July 1, 2017.
9	(ii) However, projects that qualify for a retention
10	tax credit based on an application filed through June 30, 2017, shall
11	continue to earn credits as provided in this section.
12	(iii) Retention tax credits issued on a project that
13	qualifies for retention tax credits based on an application filed through
14	June 30, 2017, shall remain in effect and shall be taken and carried forward
15	as otherwise provide in this section.
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17	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-4-3501, concerning the increased tax
18	refund for major maintenance and improvement projects, is amended to add an
19	additional subsection to read as follows:
20	(i)(l) A taxpayer may apply for an increased refund for major
21	maintenance and improvement projects under this section through June 30,
22	<u>2022.</u>
23	(2) An application for an increased refund for major maintenance
24	and improvement projects under this section shall not be accepted on or after
25	July 1, 2022.
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27	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 26-52-447(b), concerning the sales tax
28	refund for partial replacement and repair of certain machinery and equipment,
29	is amended to read as follows:
30	(b) $\underline{(1)}$ Beginning July 1, 2014, the taxes levied under §§ 26-52-301 and
31	26-52-302 that are subject to a refund under this section are the taxes in
32	excess of four and seven-eighths percent (4.875%).
33	(2) The taxes levied under §§ 26-52-301 and 26-52-302 that are
34	subject to a refund under this section are the taxes in excess of the
35	following rates:
36	(A) Beginning July 1, 2018, three and seven-eighths

1	percent (3.875%);
2	(B) Beginning July 1, 2019, two and seven-eighths percent
3	<u>(2.875%);</u>
4	(C) Beginning July 1, 2020, one and seven-eighths percent
5	(1.875%); and
6	(D) Beginning July 1, 2021, seven-eighths percent
7	<u>(0.875%).</u>
8	(3) Beginning July 1, 2022, sales qualifying for the tax refund
9	under this section are exempt from the taxes levied under this chapter.
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11	SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 26-52-447(f) and (g), concerning the sales
12	tax refund for partial replacement and repair of certain machinery and
13	equipment, are amended to read as follows:
14	(f) $\frac{To}{A}$ A taxpayer may claim the benefit of the tax refund under this
15	section, a taxpayer shall hold only by using one (1) of the following
16	methods:
17	(1)(A) Both:
18	(i) Obtaining a direct pay or a limited direct pay
19	sales and use tax permit from the Department of Finance and Administration:
20	and shall claim the tax refund under the direct pay or limited direct pay
21	permit.
22	<pre>(ii) Self-refunding:</pre>
23	(a) At the time the taxpayer files his or her
24	original sales and use tax report; or
25	(b) By later filing an amended sales or use
26	tax report with the department.
27	(B) The statutes of limitation stated in § 26-18-306 apply
28	to claims made under this subdivision (f)(1).
29	(C) Interest shall not accrue or be paid on a refund
30	claimed under this subdivision (f)(l); or
31	(2)(A) Beginning July 1, 2018, for a taxpayer that does not hold
32	a direct pay or limited direct pay permit, holds an active Arkansas sales and
33	use tax permit, and files sales and use tax reports with the department,
34	filing a claim for a credit or rebate with the department.
35	(B)(i) The credit or rebate authorized under this
36	subdivision (f)(2) shall be obtained only by offsetting the amount of the

T	claimed credit or repair against the state tax to be remitted with the
2	taxpayer's sales and use tax reports.
3	(ii) If the total amount of the credit or rebate
4	authorized under this subdivision (f)(2) is greater than the amount of the
5	state tax to be remitted with the taxpayer's sales and use tax reports, the
6	taxpayer is entitled to a refund of the difference between the amount of the
7	tax owed and the amount of the credit or rebate authorized under this
8	subdivision (f)(2).
9	(C) A taxpayer claiming a credit or rebate under this
10	subdivision (f)(2) shall electronically file all sales and use tax reports.
11	(D) A claim for credit or rebate under this subdivision
12	(f)(2) shall not be paid for a claim filed more than one (1) year following
13	the date of the qualifying sale or more than one (1) year following the date
14	of payment, whichever is later.
15	(E) Interest shall not accrue or be paid on an amount
16	subject to a claim for a credit or rebate under this subdivision (f)(2).
17	(g) A claim for a credit or rebate shall not be paid under subsection
18	(f)(2) of this section for a sale made before July 1, 2018.
19	(h) A taxpayer shall not claim the benefit of the refund under this
20	section by filing a verified claim for refund with the department.
21	(g)(i) The following provisions of the Arkansas Tax Procedure Act, §
22	26-18-101 et seq., apply to claims for a refund under this section:
23	(1) The time limitations that apply to claims for a refund of ar
24	overpayment of state tax; and
25	(2) The procedures that apply to the disallowance or proposed
26	disallowance of claims for a refund.
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28	SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 52, Subchapter 7, is
29	repealed.
30	Subchapter - Economic Investment Tax Credit Act
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32	26-52-701. Title.
33	This subchapter may be referred to and cited as the "Economic
34	Investment Tax Gredit Act".
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36	26-52-702. Definitions.

1	As used in this subchapter:
2	(1) "Corporate headquarters" means the home or center of
3	operations, including research and development, of a national or
4	multinational corporation;
5	(2) "Defense industry project" means an investment of at least
6	five million dollars (\$5,000,000) and an increase in employment of at least
7	two hundred fifty (250) full-time permanent employees by a company which
8	manufactures components for the defense industry and whose unit cost exceeds
9	five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000);
10	(3) "Distribution center" means a facility for the reception,
11	storage, or shipping of:
12	(A) A business' own products which the business wholesales
13	to retail businesses or ships to its own retail outlets;
14	(B) Products owned by other companies with which the
15	business has contracts for storage and shipping if seventy-five percent (75%)
16	of the sales revenue is from out-of-state customers; or
17	(C) Products for sale to the general public if seventy-
18	five percent (75%) of the sales revenue is from out-of-state customers;
19	(4) "Eligible business" means a business eligible for sales and
20	use tax credits under the provisions of this subchapter that has been in
21	continuous operation in Arkansas for at least two (2) years prior to the
22	initial application to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development
23	Commission, has obtained a direct-pay sales and use tax permit from the
24	Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration under the
25	provisions of § 26-52-509, and is classified as one (1) or more of the
26	following types of businesses:
27	(A) Manufacturers classified in federal Standard
28	Industrial Classification codes 20-39, including semiconductor and
29	microelectronic manufacturers;
30	(B)(i) Computer businesses primarily engaged in providing
31	computer programming services, the design and development of prepackaged
32	software, businesses engaged in digital content production and preservation,
33	computer processing and data preparation services, information retrieval
34	services, and computer and data processing consultants and developers.
35	(ii) All businesses in this group must derive at
36	least seventy-five percent (75%) of their revenue from out-of-state sales and

1	have no retail sales to the public;
2	(C)(i) Businesses primarily engaged in motion picture
3	production.
4	(ii) All businesses in this group must derive at
5	least seventy-five percent (75%) of their revenue from out-of-state sales and
6	have no retail sales to the public;
7	(D) Businesses primarily engaged in commercial physical
8	and biological research as classified by Standard Industrial Classification
9	code 8731;
10	(E) A distribution center with no retail sales to the
11	general public, unless seventy-five percent (75%) of the sales revenue is
12	<pre>from out-of-state customers;</pre>
13	(F) An office sector business with no retail sales to the
14	general public;
15	(G) A corporate or regional headquarters with no retail
16	sales to the general public; and
17	(H) A coal mining operation that employs twenty-five (25)
18	or more net full-time permanent positions;
19	(5) "Modernization" means to increase efficiency or to increase
20	productivity of the business through investment in machinery or equipment, or
21	both, and shall not include costs for routine maintenance;
22	(6) "Office sector" means control centers that influence the
23	environment in which data processing, customer service, credit accounting,
24	telemarketing, claims processing, and other administrative functions that act
25	as production centers;
26	(7) "Person" means a person as defined by § 26-18-104;
27	(8)(A) "Project" means any construction, expansion, or
28	modernization in Arkansas by an eligible business.
29	(B) The investment must exceed five million dollars
30	(\$5,000,000) or six million dollars (\$6,000,000) for projects involving
31	multiple locations within the State of Arkansas, including the cost of the
32	land, buildings, and equipment used in the construction, expansion, or
33	modernization and which construction, expansion, or modernization has been
34	approved by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission as a construction,
35	expansion, or modernization project which qualifies for the credit under the
36	provisions of this subchapter;

1 (9) "Regional headquarters" means the center of operations for a 2 specific geographic area; and 3 (10) "Routine maintenance" means the replacement of existing 4 machinery parts with like parts. 5 6 26-52-703. Precluded provisions supplemental. 7 (a) A recipient of benefits under this subchapter is precluded from 8 receiving benefits under the Arkansas Enterprise Zone Act of 1993, § 15-4-9 1701 et seg., for the same project. 10 (b) A recipient of benefits under this subchapter is precluded from 11 receiving benefits under the Manufacturer's Investment Tax Credit Act, § 26-12 51-2001 et seq., for the same project. 13 14 26-52-704. Credit granted. 15 There is granted a credit against the state sales and use tax liability 16 of an eligible business of seven percent (7%) of the amount of the total 17 project cost of any project, subject to the limit set out in § 26-52-705. 18 19 26-52-705. Qualification and determination of credit. (a)(1) In order to qualify for and receive the credits afforded by 20 21 this subchapter, any eligible business undertaking a project shall submit a 22 project plan to the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission 23 thirty (30) days prior to the start of construction. 24 (2) The plan submitted to the Arkansas Economic Development 25 Commission shall contain such information as may be required by the Director 26 of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to determine eligibility. 27 (b)(1) Upon determination by the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission that the project qualifies for credit under this 28 subchapter, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission 29 30 shall certify to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration that the project is qualified and transmit with his or her certification the 31 32 documents upon which the certification was based or copies of the documents. 33 (2) Upon receipt by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration of a certification from the Director of the Arkansas 34 35 Economic Development Commission that an eligible business as defined by § 26-36 52-702 is entitled to credit under this subchapter, the Director of the

Department of Finance and Administration shall provide forms to the eligible

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    business on which to claim the credit.
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           (c)(1) At the end of the calendar year in which the application was
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    the end of each calendar year thereafter until the project is completed, the
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    eligible business shall certify, on the form provided by the Director of the
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    Department of Finance and Administration, the amount of expenditures on the
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    project during the preceding calendar year.
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    of credit to the eligible business in the amount of seven percent (7%) of the
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    in the calendar year following the expenditure, it may be carried over to the
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    next succeeding calendar year for a total period of six (6) years following
    the year in which the credit was first available for use or until the credit
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    is exhausted, whichever occurs first.
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    credit is not used in the calendar year following the expenditure, the credit
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    (9) years following the year in which the credit was first available for use
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    or until the credit is exhausted, whichever occurs first.
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                             (ii)(a) The credit shall be used by the eligible
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    business as a credit against the regular direct pay sales or use tax return
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    regular return be more than fifty percent (50%) of the eligible business'
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    total state sales or use tax liability for the reporting period, except that
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    a company with an eligible defense industry project may claim a credit for
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    one hundred percent (100%) of the sales and use tax liability for the
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    reporting period.
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1	Administration may require proof of these expenditures.
2	(iv)(a) The Director of the Department of Finance
3	and Administration may examine those records necessary and specific to the
4	project to determine credit eligibility.
5	(b) Any credits disallowed will be subject to
6	payment in full.
7	(d) For all projects approved after July 1, 1997, in order to receive
8	credit for project costs, the project costs must be incurred within five (5)
9	years from the date of certification of the project plan by the Director of
10	the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.
11	(e)(1) If project costs exceed the initial project cost estimate
12	included in the financial incentive plan, the business shall amend the
13	financial incentive plan to include updated cost figures.
14	(2) Amendments that exceed fifty percent (50%) of the original
15	financial incentive plan estimate shall be submitted as a new project.
16	(3) An amendment shall not change the start date of the original
17	project.
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19	26-52-706. Administration.
20	(a) A person claiming credit under a provision of this subchapter is a
21	"taxpayer" within the meaning of § 26-18-104 and shall be subject to all
22	applicable provisions of § 26-18-104.
23	(b) Administration of the provisions of this subchapter shall be under
24	the provisions of the Arkansas Tax Procedure Act, § 26-18-101 et seq.
25	(c) The Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may
26	promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the
27	intent and purposes of this subchapter.
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29	SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 26-53-149(b), concerning the use tax refund
30	for partial replacement and repair of certain machinery and equipment, is
31	amended to read as follows:
32	(b) $\underline{(1)}$ Beginning July 1, 2014, the taxes levied under §§ 26-53-106 and
33	26-53-107 that are subject to a refund under this section are the taxes in
34	excess of four and seven-eighths percent (4.875%).
35	(2) The taxes levied under §§ 26-53-106 and 26-53-107 that are
	subject to a refund under this section are the taxes in excess of the

1	following rates:
2	(A) Beginning July 1, 2018, three and seven-eighths
3	percent (3.875%);
4	(B) Beginning July 1, 2019, two and seven-eighths percent
5	<u>(2.875%);</u>
6	(C) Beginning July 1, 2020, one and seven-eighths percent
7	(1.875%); and
8	(D) Beginning July 1, 2021, seven-eighths percent
9	<u>(0.875%).</u>
10	(3) Beginning July 1, 2022, purchases qualifying for the tax
11	refund under this section are exempt from the taxes levied under this
12	<u>chapter.</u>
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14	SECTION 7. Arkansas Code \S 26-53-149(f) and (g), concerning the use
15	tax refund for partial replacement and repair of certain machinery and
16	equipment, are amended to read as follows:
17	(f) $\frac{To}{A}$ A taxpayer may claim the benefit of the tax refund under this
18	section, a taxpayer shall hold only by using one (1) of the following
19	methods:
20	(1)(A) Both:
21	(i) Obtaining a direct pay or a limited direct pay
22	sales and use tax permit from the Department of Finance and Administration;
23	and shall claim the tax refund under the direct pay or limited direct pay
24	permit.
25	<pre>(ii) Self-refunding:</pre>
26	(a) At the time the taxpayer files his or her
27	original sales and use tax report; or
28	(b) By later filing an amended sales or use
29	tax report with the department.
30	(B) The statutes of limitation stated in § 26-18-306 apply
31	to claims made under this subdivision (f)(1).
32	(C) Interest shall not accrue or be paid on a refund
33	claimed under this subdivision (f)(1); or
34	(2)(A) Beginning July 1, 2018, for a taxpayer that does not hold
35	a direct pay or limited direct pay permit, holds an active Arkansas sales and
36	use tax permit, and files sales and use tax reports with the department,

1	filing a claim for the credit or rebate with the department.
2	(B)(i) The credit or rebate authorized under this
3	subdivision (f)(2) shall be obtained only by offsetting the amount of the
4	claimed credit or rebate against the state tax to be remitted with the
5	taxpayer's sales and use tax reports.
6	(ii) If the total amount of the credit or rebate
7	authorized under this subdivision (f)(2) is greater than the amount of the
8	state tax to be remitted with the taxpayer's sales and use tax reports, the
9	taxpayer is entitled to a refund of the difference between the amount of the
10	tax owed and the amount of the credit or rebate authorized under this
11	subdivision (f)(2).
12	(C) A taxpayer claiming a credit or rebate under this
13	subdivision (f)(2) shall electronically file all sales and use tax reports.
14	(D) A claim for credit or rebate under this subdivision
15	(f)(2) shall not be paid for a claim filed more than one (1) year following
16	the date of the qualifying purchase or more than one (1) year following the
17	date of payment, whichever is later.
18	(E) Interest shall not accrue or be paid on an amount
19	subject to a claim for a credit or rebate under this subdivision (f)(2).
20	(g) A claim for a credit or rebate shall not be paid under subsection
21	(f)(2) of this section for a purchase made before July 1, 2018.
22	(h) A taxpayer shall not claim the benefit of the refund under this
23	section by filing a verified claim for refund with the department.
24	(g)(i) The following provisions of the Arkansas Tax Procedure Act, §
25	26-18-101 et seq., apply to claims for a refund under this section:
26	(1) The time limitations that apply to claims for a refund of an
27	overpayment of state tax; and
28	(2) The procedures that apply to the disallowance or proposed
29	disallowance of claims for a refund.
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31	SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
32	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that most states exempt from sales
33	and use tax the sale of property and labor associated with the modification,
34	partial replacement, and repair of manufacturing machinery and equipment;
35	that other states apply a reduced tax rate to the sale of property and labor
36	associated with the modification, partial replacement, and repair of

1	manufacturing machinery and equipment; that Arkansas taxes the sale of	
2	property and labor associated with the modification, partial replacement, and	
3	repair of manufacturing machinery and equipment at a tax rate of four and	
4	seven-eighths percent (4.875%) after application of the refund of tax paid	
5	for property and labor associated with the modification, partial replacement,	
6	and repair of manufacturing machinery and equipment; that the Arkansas	
7	Business and Economic Development Incentives Study conducted by Fluor Global	
8	Location Strategies and presented to the Bureau of Legislative Research in	
9	2006 classified Arkansas as the worst of the twelve states in the southeast	
10	region on the taxation of sales of industrial materials used in	
11	manufacturing; that Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and other states	
12	have phased in exemptions for sales of property and labor associated with the	
13	modification, partial replacement, and repair of manufacturing machinery and	
14	equipment over time; that under the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement	
15	to which Arkansas is a party, reductions in sales and use tax must be	
16	implemented through a refund or rebate mechanism until a complete exemption	
17	is achieved; and that this act is immediately necessary because Arkansas, in	
18	imposing an effective tax rate of four and seven-eighths percent (4.875%)	
19	after application of the refund of tax paid for property and labor associated	
20	with the modification, partial replacement, and repair of manufacturing	
21	machinery and equipment, is not competitive with surrounding states and	
22	states in the southeast region, which costs the state present and future	
23	jobs. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being	
24	immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and	
25	safety shall become effective on:	
26	(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;	
27	(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,	
28	the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the	
29	bill; or	
30	(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is	
31	overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.	
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