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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 65

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, 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR  
16 THE 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 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 2018-2019
30	(1) U055U	AEDC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
31	(2) U105U	AEDC DEP DIR FINANCE & ADMIN	1	GRADE SE01
32	(3) U059U	AEDC DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
33	(4) U063U	AEDC EXEC VP MRKT & COMMUNICATIONS	1	GRADE SE01
34	(5) D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
35	(6) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
36	(7) D029C	SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT07



1	(8)	D054C COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
2	(9)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(10)	N062N AEDC BUSINESS DEV DIV DIR	1	GRADE GS15
4	(11)	N061N AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
5	(12)	G033N AEDC AMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
6	(13)	N085N AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE GS14
7	(14)	N094N AEDC EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
8	(15)	N084N AEDC MRKT & COMMUNICATIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS14
9	(16)	N083N AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
10	(17)	N059N AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
11	(18)	G019C GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
12	(19)	N196N MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
13	(20)	G026N AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MGMT SVS	1	GRADE GS12
14	(21)	A002N AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE GS12
15	(22)	B015N AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE GS12
16	(23)	G030N AEDC ASST DIR OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE GS12
17	(24)	G034N AEDC ASST DIR SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
18	(25)	G245C AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEV & IMPROVE	1	GRADE GS12
19	(26)	G014C AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE GS12
20	(27)	B018N AEDC FIELD ENGINEER	4	GRADE GS12
21	(28)	G035N AEDC SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS12
22	(29)	G273C AEDC SENIOR PROJECT CONSULTANT	4	GRADE GS12
23	(30)	G015C AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE GS12
24	(31)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
25	(32)	U099U DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS12
26	(33)	B016C AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS11
27	(34)	P002C AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE GS11
28	(35)	G062C AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	34	GRADE GS11
29	(36)	G048C AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE GS11
30	(37)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
31	(38)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
32	(39)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
33	(40)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
34	(41)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	5	GRADE GS08
35	(42)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
36	(43)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08

1	(44)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
2	(45)	G148C ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
3	(46)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
4	(47)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
5	(48)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
6	(49)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
7	(50)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
8	(51)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
9	(52)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
10	(53)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
11	(54)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	7	GRADE GS04
12	(55)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
13		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	108	

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15 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas  
 16 Economic Development Commission for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following  
 17 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra  
 18 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6)  
 19 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 20 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 21 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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23 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. There is  
 24 hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -  
 25 Division of Science and Technology for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the  
 26 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as  
 27 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two  
 28 (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to  
 29 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or  
 30 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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32 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby  
 33 authorized, for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services  
 34 Division for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-  
 35 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 36 appropriated herein for such purposes: one (1) temporary or part-time

1 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 2 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 3 for the appropriate classification.

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 5 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 6 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
 7 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal  
 8 services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the  
 9 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal  
 10 year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
14 (1) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,217,303
15 (2) EXTRA HELP	30,000
16 (3) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,323,948
17 (4) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,548,238
19 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
20 (C) PROF. FEES	1,765,000
21 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
22 (E) DATA PROC.	0
23 (5) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM GRANTS	1,000,000
24 (6) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	600,000
25 (7) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
26 (8) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	1,714,800
27 (9) FOR STATE MATCHING OF FEDERAL FUNDS	228,500
28 (10) OFFICE OF TRANSFORMATION EXPENSES	1,000,000
29 (11) SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATIVE RESEARCH	
30 MATCHING GRANT	<u>2,000,000</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,419,275</u>

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 33 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL.  
 34 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 35 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief  
 36 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and

1 grants and aid by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community  
 2 Assistance (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the  
 3 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$302,843
8 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	102,504
9 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
12 (C) PROF. FEES	70,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	27,500,000
16 (05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
17 (06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$36,256,271</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PROGRAM. There is  
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be  
 22 payable from the Technology Acceleration Fund, for investment incentives to  
 23 enhance the economy of the state through technology development of the  
 24 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Technology Acceleration Program  
 25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
29 (01) TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATION PROGRAM	<u><u>\$30,000,000</u></u>

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 31 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby  
 32 appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
 33 from the Economic Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects  
 34 as defined by Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Arkansas  
 35 Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year ending  
 36 June 30, 2019, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$200,000,000</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of performance program application fees of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$875,781</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for incentives to attract new business and economic development to the State by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u>\$75,000,000</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$694,388
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	221,292
5	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
8	(C) PROF. FEES	16,800
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10	(E) DATA PROC.	0
11	(05) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH	
12	MATCH	292,653
13	(06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
14	(07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
15	(08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>6,500,000</u>
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,433,264</u></u>

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18 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED

19 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of

20 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

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

22 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in technology based

23 businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic

24 Development Commission - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year

25 ending June 30, 2019, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
29	(01) INVESTMENTS	<u><u>\$1,900,000</u></u>

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31 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

32 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby

33 appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas

34 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous

35 Agencies Fund Account, for grants by the Division of Science and Technology

36 of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing

1 Extension Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the  
 2 following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
6 (01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

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8 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -  
 9 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby  
 10 appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas  
 11 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as  
 12 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services,  
 13 operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services by the Division of  
 14 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -  
 15 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending  
 16 June 30, 2019, the following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
20 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$183,873
21 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,771
22 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
24 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
25 (C) PROF. FEES	0
26 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27 (E) DATA PROC.	0
28 (04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
29 TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	240,000
30 (05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>325,000</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$814,928</u>

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33 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -  
 34 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby  
 35 appropriated, to the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas  
 36 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited



1 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
 2 for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Division  
 3 of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -  
 4 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending  
 5 June 30, 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$548,794
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	168,328
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,415,952</u></u>

21 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR  
 22 TRACK III - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of  
 23 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be  
 24 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 25 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by  
 26 the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 27 Commission - EPSCOR Track III - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 28 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,054,921
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	295,378
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,050,173
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER	
5	GRANTS & AID	17,169,528
6	(05) INDIRECT COST ALLOCATION	30,000
7	(06) EXTERNAL EVALUATORS	<u>400,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,000,000</u></u>

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10 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR  
 11 RII - TRACK 2 PLANT BIOIMAGING. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 12 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 13 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief  
 14 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the  
 15 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development  
 16 Commission - Arkansas EPSCOR RII - Federal for the fiscal year ending June  
 17 30, 2019, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
21	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$34,280
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	133,200
24	(C) PROF. FEES	55,500
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(02) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER	
28	GRANTS & AIDS	<u>2,909,850</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,132,830</u></u>

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31 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY  
 32 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science  
 33 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
 34 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 35 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the  
 36 Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development

1 Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 2 2019, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
6 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
8 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
9 (C) PROF. FEES	0
10 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11 (E) DATA PROC.	0
12 (02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS & OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>90,000</u>
13 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

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15 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -  
 16 ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of  
 17 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be  
 18 payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to  
 19 accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based  
 20 development of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas  
 21 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal  
 22 year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
26 (01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u><u>\$30,000,000</u></u>

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28 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM  
 29 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science  
 30 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
 31 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 32 Fiscal Officer of the State, for STEM Program expenses of the Division of  
 33 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem  
 34 Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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36 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
2	(01) STEM PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$40,000</u>

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4 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

5 INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Division of Science

6 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable

7 from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for a grant to transfer to the Innovate

8 Arkansas Fund for personal services and operating expenses of the Division of

9 Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -

10 Innovate Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
14	(01) INNOVATE ARKANSAS TRANSFER	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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16 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.

17 There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas

18 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous

19 Agencies Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants

20 and aid by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development

21 Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the

22 following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$126,312
27	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
28	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,317
29	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
32	(C) PROF. FEES	0
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	0
35	(05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
36	(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	500,000

1	(07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,243,767</u></u>

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4 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.

5 There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas

6 Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited

7 in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

8 for conference expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas

9 Economic Development Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending

10 June 30, 2019, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
13	(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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16 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL

17 RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services

18 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from

19 the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for providing grants to counties or

20 municipalities for infrastructure, construction, renovation, personal

21 services and maintenance and operations for animal rescues or animal shelters

22 by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development

23 Commission - Animal Rescue/Shelters Grants for the fiscal year ending June

24 30, 2019, the following:

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
27	(01) ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTERS GRANTS & AID	<u><u>\$5,328</u></u>

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30 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ADMINISTRATIVE

31 FEE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the

32 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the

33 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for maintenance and operating expenses

34 of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development

35 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
3	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$45,395
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C) PROF. FEES	0
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$45,395</u></u>

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11           SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ARKANSAS UNPAVED  
 12 ROADS PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division  
 13 of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the  
 14 Arkansas Unpaved Roads Program Fund, for grants or operating expenses of the  
 15 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission -  
 16 Unpaved Roads Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the  
 17 following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
21	(01) UNPAVED ROADS PROGRAM GRANTS & AIDS	
22	OR OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>

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24           SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER GRANT PROGRAM.  
 25 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development  
 26 Commission, to be payable from the Broadband Fund, for personal services,  
 27 maintenance and operating expenses and grants associated with the  
 28 establishment and implementation of a grant program created by a reverse  
 29 auction process for internet service providers, telecommunications providers  
 30 and broadband providers, and to provide support and assistance for the  
 31 development, growth and deployment of fiber-optic-based broadband service to  
 32 homes by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year  
 33 ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>

1 (1) PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND  
 2 OPERATING EXPENSES AND GRANTS \$25,000,000

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 4 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION -  
 5 RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is  
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic  
 7 Development Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the  
 8 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 9 grants for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program of the  
 10 Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 11 2019, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
(1) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$800,000</u>

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 18 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY  
 20 TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
 21 (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds  
 22 for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital  
 23 acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific  
 24 training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry  
 25 training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint  
 26 Budget Committee.

27 The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
 28 2018 through July 1, ~~2018~~ 2019.

29  
 30 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN  
 32 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby  
 33 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public  
 34 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of  
 35 operating foreign offices. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed  
 36 restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard

1 Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices  
2 and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established  
3 by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
5 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

6  
7 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL  
9 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants  
10 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance  
11 (CDBG) -Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall  
12 allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside  
13 from the annual Community Development Block Grant, as defined in AEDC's  
14 Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban  
15 Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be  
16 used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the  
17 Consolidated Plan.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
19 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

20  
21 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT  
23 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all  
24 applications for grant funds and shall certify those applications eligible  
25 for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural Services  
26 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall  
27 recommend which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse  
28 grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants  
29 receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas  
30 Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the  
31 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and  
32 regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds  
33 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition  
34 of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing  
35 Committee.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~



1 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

2  
3 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
5 PROVISION - FOREIGN OFFICES. If at any time during the fiscal year, the  
6 Director determines that market conditions warrant, the Arkansas Economic  
7 Development Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation, after  
8 receiving the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior  
9 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, among the  
10 Foreign Offices in the State Operations Section of this Act for the purpose  
11 of responding to changes in the world markets.

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

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
29 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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31 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
33 PROVISION - SAVINGS TRANSFERS. If at any time during the fiscal year,  
34 savings are accomplished in the appropriation provided for "Global Business  
35 Initiatives" and "Regular Salaries" in the State Operations Section of this  
36 Act, such appropriation savings may be transferred to the appropriations made

1 for "Maintenance and General Operations" in the State Operations Section of  
2 this Act after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
3 Committee. In addition, if at any time during the fiscal year, savings are  
4 accomplished in the appropriation provided for "Maintenance and General  
5 Operations" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation  
6 savings may be transferred to the appropriation for "Global Business  
7 Initiatives" and in the State Operations Section of this Act, after prior  
8 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
26 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

27  
28 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
30 PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving approval  
31 from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the  
32 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas  
33 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from  
34 any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -  
35 Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the  
36 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
18 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

19  
20 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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

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

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
9 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

10  
11 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
13 PROVISION - INDUSTRY TRAINING. If during the fiscal year, the Industry  
14 Training Division effects savings in the Industry Training Program line item  
15 within the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be  
16 transferred to the Maintenance and General Operations line item of the State  
17 Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal  
18 Officer of the State and after prior review by the Legislative Council or  
19 Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if any savings are effected in the  
20 fiscal year in the Maintenance and General Operations line item of the State  
21 Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to the  
22 Industry Training Program line item within the State Operations Section of  
23 this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State  
24 and after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
25 Committee.

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

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

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
7 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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9 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
11 TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from time to  
12 time on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of  
13 the State the sum not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) from  
14 Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the  
15 Technology Acceleration Fund to provide funds for the appropriation herein.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
17 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

18  
19 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
21 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic  
22 Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to  
23 the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private  
24 funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic  
25 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development  
26 Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of  
27 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary  
28 and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries  
29 established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in  
30 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted  
31 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to  
32 unclassified employees.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
34 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

35  
36 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
2 FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the  
3 Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
4 Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be  
5 carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent  
6 and purposes as set forth in law.

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

9 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019 the Agency shall by written statement set  
10 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
11 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
31 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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33 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED  
35 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding  
36 general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the

1 repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the Division of Science  
2 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, shall be  
3 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Miscellaneous Agencies  
4 Fund Account and shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to  
5 be made available solely for the benefit of the Division of Science and  
6 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to provide  
7 additional Seed Capital Investments.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
9 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

10  
11 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
13 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of  
14 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward  
15 an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the  
16 Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology -  
17 State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants  
18 which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2018~~ 2019 to be used for the same  
19 purpose.

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

22 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019 the Agency shall by written statement set  
23 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
24 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

32 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written  
33 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
34 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written  
35 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for  
36 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)

1 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents  
2 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
3 Committee; and

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

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1 ~~2017~~  
8 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

9  
10 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
12 BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available  
13 balances received by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas  
14 Economic Development Commission from Client Services provided through the  
15 Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Federal appropriation, shall be  
16 transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Cash Fund  
17 Account.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
19 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

20  
21 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
23 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief  
24 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Economic  
25 Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from  
26 the Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas  
27 Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund  
28 Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all transfers shall  
29 not exceed \$3,500,000.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
31 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

32  
33 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GENERAL  
35 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. The Rural Services Division of the  
36 Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to retain and utilize



1 for administrative cost purposes up to one and one half percent (1.5%) of the  
2 total amount of any General Improvement Fund moneys received for projects  
3 authorized for disbursement through the division by the General Assembly.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
5 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

6  
7 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
9 TRANSFER. Upon request of the Director of the Rural Services Division of the  
10 Arkansas Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
11 State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from time to time, shall cause  
12 to be transferred on his books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor  
13 of State, an amount not to exceed one and one half percent (1.5%) from the  
14 various sub funds created in any General Improvement Fund, established for  
15 disbursement through the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic  
16 Development Commission, to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.  
17 The funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from the  
18 various sub funds established in any General Improvement Fund pursuant to  
19 this section shall be made available and utilized solely by the Rural  
20 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for  
21 maintenance and general operations costs.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
23 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

24  
25 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
27 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish,  
28 upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special  
29 appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.  
30 When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its  
31 operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to  
32 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by  
33 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

34 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
35 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
36 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by

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

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
15 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

16  
17 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
19 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June  
20 30, of each fiscal year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the  
21 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission that  
22 were transferred from the various sub funds created in any General  
23 Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund projects  
24 shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made available to  
25 the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
26 and utilized for the same purpose during the following fiscal year.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
28 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

29  
30 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY  
32 FAIR GRANTS. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development  
33 Commission shall develop the necessary rules and regulations for the  
34 disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for the construction,  
35 renovation and/or improvements to county fairgrounds. The grants shall be  
36 matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county fair

1 shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017  
3 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

4  
5 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT  
7 AWARD CRITERIA. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic  
8 Development Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the criteria  
9 to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this Act.  
10 Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas  
11 Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Rural Services  
12 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall distribute the  
13 grants.

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

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017  
32 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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34 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
36 OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and in

1 support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, the Executive Director of the  
2 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief Fiscal  
3 Officer of the State the amount needed for transfer from either the Arkansas  
4 Economic Development Commission Fund Account or the Miscellaneous Agencies  
5 Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. Upon the approval of the  
6 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount certified shall be transferred.  
7 The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall initiate the necessary transfer  
8 documents to reflect all such transfers upon the fiscal records of the State  
9 Auditor, the State Treasurer and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
11 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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13 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
15 FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds  
16 allocated for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas Economic  
17 Development Commission Fund Account which remain at the close of each state  
18 fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used  
19 for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law. Any carry forward of  
20 unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward  
21 under the following conditions:

22 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019 the Agency shall by written statement set  
23 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
24 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

32 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written  
33 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
34 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written  
35 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for  
36 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)

1 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents  
2 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
3 Committee; and

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

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~  
8 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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10 SECTION 53. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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20 SECTION 54. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 55. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,  
30 2018.

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