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A Bill

SENATE BILL 132

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 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
10 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL
16 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 - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
23 established for the Department of Commerce for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022
30	(1) SC002	ACOM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE SE05
31	(2) U063U	ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
32	(3) N215N	ACOM CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE01
33	(4) D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
34	(5) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
35	(6) D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
36	(7) D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05



1	(8)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
2	(9)	N084N ACOM AEDC MRKT & COMMUNICATIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS15
3	(10)	G302C ACOM CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
4	(11)	A139C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
5	(12)	N066N ACOM CHIEF COMM & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIR	2	GRADE GS14
6	(13)	G026N ACOM AEDC ASSISTANT DIR MGMT SVS	1	GRADE GS12
7	(14)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS12
8	(15)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
9	(16)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
10	(17)	A040C ACOM ADFA FISCAL PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
11	(18)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
12	(19)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
13	(20)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
14	(21)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	5	GRADE GS08
15	(22)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
16	(23)	A080C ACOM FINANCE AUTHORITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
17	(24)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
18	(25)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
19	(26)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
20	(27)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS04
21		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	35	

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23 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 24 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 25 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 26 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -
 27 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,415,692
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	748,271
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	272,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
36	(C) PROF. FEES	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,435,963</u></u>

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5 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is
 6 hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills
 7 Development for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 8 regular employees.

10			Maximum Annual
11			Salary Rate
12	Item Class		Fiscal Year
13	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	
14	(1) U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
15	(2) G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
16	(3) E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS10
17	(4) E073C APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
18	(5) E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
19	(6) A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
20	(7) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
21	(8) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
22	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12	

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24 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is hereby
 25 authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development for
 26 the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 27 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 28 appropriated herein for such purposes: sixteen (16) temporary or part-time
 29 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 30 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 31 for the appropriate classification.

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33 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
 34 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce,
 35 to be payable from the Skills Development Fund, for personal services,
 36 operating expenses, and expenses of the Apprenticeship Program by the

1 Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development Administration -
 2 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 NO.	2021-2022
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$471,871
7 (02) EXTRA HELP	6,923
8 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	146,117
9 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	143,000
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
12 (C) PROF. FEES	0
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (05) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	<u>1,611,456</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,389,367</u>

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18 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is
 19 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 20 Skills Development Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and
 21 grants by of the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development for
 22 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 NO.	2021-2022
26 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$189,846
27 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	59,807
28 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	165,000
30 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
31 (C) PROF. FEES	0
32 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33 (E) DATA PROC.	0
34 (04) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	4,500,000
35 (05) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	15,000,000
36 (06) WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	3,500,000

1	(07) INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION TESTING	<u>100,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$23,524,653</u></u>

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4 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING

5 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

6 payable from the Arkansas Construction Industry Craft Training Trust Fund,

7 for personal services, operating expenses, and grants by the Department of

8 Commerce - Construction Industry Craft Training Program for the fiscal year

9 ending June 30, 2022, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$48,487
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	16,537
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,000
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,500
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT	
22	TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>800,000</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$884,524</u></u>

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25 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL. There is

26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

27 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous grants and expenses of

28 the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Wine Producers Council for the fiscal

29 year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
33	(01) ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL	<u><u>\$5,000</u></u>

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35 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE CENTER. There is hereby

36 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Tourism

1 Development Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Commerce
 2 - Arkansas Wine Center for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the
 3 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) ARKANSAS WINE CENTER EXPENSES	<u>\$1,250,000</u>

9 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION. There is
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 11 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 12 personal services and operating expenses, and to expand opportunities
 13 relating to apprenticeship programs registered under the National
 14 Apprenticeship Act through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts and
 15 other arrangements, with states and other appropriate entities by the
 16 Department of Commerce - State Apprenticeship Expansion for the fiscal year
 17 ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$75,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	18,750
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,750
(C) PROF. FEES	164,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$262,500</u>

31 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
 32 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the
 33 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Maximum	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
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1	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
2	No.	Code Title	Employees	2021-2022
3	(1)	U055U ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
4	(2)	N214N ACOM AEDC EXEC VP GLOBAL BUSINESS	1	GRADE SE01
5	(3)	D029C SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT07
6	(4)	N062N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS DEV DIV DIR	1	GRADE GS15
7	(5)	N061N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
8	(6)	N225N ACOM AEDC EXEC VICE PRES & GEN CO	1	GRADE GS15
9	(7)	N085N ACOM AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE GS14
10	(8)	G294C ACOM AEDC SENIOR COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
11	(9)	N083N ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
12	(10)	N059N ACOM AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
13	(11)	B139C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR OF EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS13
14	(12)	B140C ACOM AEDC MANU SOLUTIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
15	(13)	N196N MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
16	(14)	G030N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE GS12
17	(15)	G034N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
18	(16)	G245C ACOM AEDC DIR COMMUNITY DEV & IMPROV	1	GRADE GS12
19	(17)	G014C ACOM AEDC DIR OF COM DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE GS12
20	(18)	B018N ACOM AEDC FIELD ENGINEER	4	GRADE GS12
21	(19)	G035N ACOM AEDC SALES & MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS12
22	(20)	G273C ACOM AEDC SENIOR PROJECT CONSULTANT	4	GRADE GS12
23	(21)	G015C ACOM AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE GS12
24	(22)	U099U ACOM DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS12
25	(23)	B016C ACOM AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS11
26	(24)	P076C ACOM AEDC DIGITAL MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
27	(25)	P002C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE GS11
28	(26)	G062C ACOM AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	33	GRADE GS11
29	(27)	G048C ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE GS11
30	(28)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
31	(29)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
32	(30)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
33	(31)	C114C ACOM EXECUTIVE ASST TO SECRETARY	1	GRADE GS07
34	(32)	G148C ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
35	(33)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
36	(34)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06

1	(35) P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
2	(36) B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
3	(37) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS04
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	84	

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6 SECTION 12. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 7 of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2021-2022
 8 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 9 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 10 herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when
 11 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 12 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 13 appropriate classification.

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15 SECTION 13. EXTRA HELP - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby
 16 authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
 17 Commission - Division of Rural Services for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the
 18 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 19 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 20 (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 21 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 22 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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24 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 25 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas
 26 Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services,
 27 operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the
 28 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State
 29 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,221,696
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,308,134
36	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,348,238
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
3	(C) PROF. FEES	1,765,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(05) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
7	GRANTS	1,000,000
8	(06) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	900,000
9	(07) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
10	(08) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>1,714,800</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,279,354</u>

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13 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL.

14 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 15 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 16 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 17 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance
 18 (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$325,764
23	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	106,774
24	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	0
30	(04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	27,500,000
31	(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
32	(06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$36,283,462</u>

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35 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is
 36 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the

1 Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the
 2 economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of
 3 the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission -
 4 Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the
 5 following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
9 (01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u>\$100,000,000</u>

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 11 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby
 12 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic
 13 Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects as defined by
 14 Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Department of Commerce -
 15 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year
 16 ending June 30, 2022, the following:

18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
20 (01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$200,000,000</u>

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 22 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
 23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 24 New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of
 25 performance program application fees of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
 26 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
 27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
31 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$875,781</u>

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 33 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic
 35 Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for incentives to attract
 36 new business and economic development to the State by the Department of

1 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing
 2 Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
6 (01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u>\$75,000,000</u>

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8 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE
 9 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 10 be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account,
 11 for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division
 12 of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic
 13 Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 14 2022, the following:

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16 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
18 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$438,905
19 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	138,937
20 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
23 (C) PROF. FEES	0
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	0
26 (04) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
27 (05) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
28 (06) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
29 (07) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>12,400,000</u>
30 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,720,123</u>

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32 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED
 33 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
 34 of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
 35 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in
 36 technology based businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the

1 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Seed
 2 Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the
 3 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,540,000</u>

9 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 10 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby
 11 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas
 12 Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for grants by the Division of
 13 Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic
 14 Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for
 15 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

21 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 22 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal
 24 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 25 services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services by the
 26 Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
 27 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network -
 28 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$307,784
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	93,470
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
5	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE GRANTS/OTHER	
6	GRANTS & AID	275,000
7	(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>376,120</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,062,658</u></u>

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

11 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby

12 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund

13 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of

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

15 the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce -

16 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension

17 Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$345,712
22	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	105,044
23	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
26	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
30	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS &	
31	AID	<u>13,270</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,149,586</u></u>

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34 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

35 EPSCOR. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

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

1 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by
 2 the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce -
 3 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - EPSCOR for the fiscal year ending
 4 June 30, 2022, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$231,545
9 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	70,173
10 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,000
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
13 (C) PROF. FEES	0
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER	
17 GRANTS & AIDS	4,190,000
18 (05) EXTERNAL EVALUATORS	<u>400,000</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,011,718</u></u>

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 21 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY
 22 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 23 Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 24 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
 25 of the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce -
 26 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the
 27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
31 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000
33 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
34 (C) PROF. FEES	0
35 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
36 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$100,000

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3 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM
 4 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 5 Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 6 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for STEM Program
 7 expenses of the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of
 8 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem Education - Cash
 9 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
13 (01) STEM PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$40,000</u>

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15 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.
 16 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 17 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal
 18 services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce
 19 - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State
 20 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
24 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$154,934
25 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
26 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	52,518
27 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
29 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
30 (C) PROF. FEES	0
31 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32 (E) DATA PROC.	0
33 (05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
34 (06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	1,000,000
35 (07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,785,590</u>

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SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for conference expenses of the Rural Services Division of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$100,000</u>

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Education Program by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$800,000</u>

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN MOBILIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, for promotion and development of minority and women-owned business enterprises in the state, increasing the ability of minority and women-owned business enterprises to compete for state contracts, and sustaining the economic growth of minority and women-owned business enterprises for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
3	(01) MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS	
4	ENTERPRISE MOBILIZATION LOAN PROGRAM	<u>\$500,000</u>

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6 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - LAW ENFORCEMENT

7 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce -

8 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division, to be

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

10 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants to law enforcement agencies

11 and associations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
15	(01) GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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17 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND

19 TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of the

20 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer may

21 transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the

22 State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from

23 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and

24 Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, to provide funds for

25 the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization

26 appropriation herein.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~

28 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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30 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY

32 FORWARD – MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING FUND.

33 Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business

34 Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation which remain at the close of each

35 state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to

36 be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
2 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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4 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
6 PROVISION – STATE OPERATIONS. After receiving approval from the Chief
7 Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review by the Legislative Council or
8 Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development
9 Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item
10 appropriation authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act to any
11 other line item authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act.

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
21 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
22 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior review of the Legislative
23 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The
24 requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is
25 not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of review 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,
29 ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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31 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY
33 TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission
34 (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds
35 for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital
36 acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific

1 training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry
2 training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint
3 Budget Committee.

4 The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
5 2021 through July 1, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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7 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
9 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby
10 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public
11 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of
12 operating foreign offices. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed
13 restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard
14 Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices
15 and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established
16 by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
18 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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20 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
22 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
23 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance
24 (CDBG)- Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
25 allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside
26 from the annual Community Development Block Grant, as defined in AEDC's
27 Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban
28 Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be
29 used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the
30 Consolidated Plan.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
32 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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34 SECTION 39. 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 and shall certify those applications eligible
2 for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural Services
3 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall
4 recommend which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse
5 grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants
6 receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
7 Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the
8 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and
9 regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds
10 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition
11 of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing
12 Committee.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
14 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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16 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
18 PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving approval
19 from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the
20 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas
21 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from
22 any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -
23 Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the
24 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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

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

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
6 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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

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

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, ~~2020~~
33 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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35 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
14 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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16 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
18 FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the
19 Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
20 Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be
21 carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent
22 and purposes as set forth in law.

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

25 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 the Agency shall by written statement set
26 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
27 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

35 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
36 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee

1 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
 2 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
 3 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
 4 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
 5 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
 6 Committee; and

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

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
 11 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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 13 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED
 15 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding
 16 general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the
 17 repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the Division of Science
 18 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, shall be
 19 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Arkansas Economic
 20 Development Commission Fund Account and shall remain in the Arkansas Economic
 21 Development Commission Fund Account to be made available solely for the
 22 benefit of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic
 23 Development Commission to provide additional Seed Capital Investments.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
 25 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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 27 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 29 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of
 30 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward
 31 an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the
 32 Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology -
 33 State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants
 34 which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2021~~ 2022 to be used for the same
 35 purpose.

36 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may

1 be carried forward under the following conditions:

2 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 the Agency shall by written statement set
3 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
4 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1 ~~2020~~
24 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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26 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
28 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief
29 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Economic
30 Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from
31 the Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas
32 Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the Arkansas Economic Development
33 Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all
34 transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
36 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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2 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

4 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish,
5 upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special
6 appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
7 When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its
8 operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to
9 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by
10 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
28 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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30 SECTION 48. 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, ~~2020~~
3 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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5 SECTION 49. 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, ~~2020~~
32 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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34 SECTION 50. 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 the Arkansas
4 Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration
5 Fund. Upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount
6 certified shall be transferred. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
7 initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect all such transfers upon
8 the fiscal records of the State Auditor, the State Treasurer and the Chief
9 Fiscal Officer of the State.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
11 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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13 SECTION 51. 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.

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, ~~2021~~ 2022 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, ~~2020~~
 8 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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 10 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
 12 SERVICES.

13 (a)(1)(A) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying
 14 accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and
 15 the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating
 16 expenses by the Department of Commerce.

17 (B) Upon prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council, or
 18 if meeting in Legislative Session the Joint Budget Committee, the Chief
 19 Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and
 20 appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of
 21 this act and the transfer of positions to the Regular Salaries – Shared
 22 Services appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of
 23 State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

24 (2) The transfer authority provided in subdivision (a)(1) of
 25 this section for efficiencies and to eliminate duplication of services are
 26 limited only to those services that are provided for multiple divisions of a
 27 department, including without limitation to administration, human resources,
 28 procurement, communications, fleet operations, and information services.

29 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
 30 subdivision (a)(1) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
 31 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
 32 authorized for the department.

33 (b)(1) Each department utilizing the Shared Services Paying Account
 34 section or Regular Salaries – Shared Services section of this act shall
 35 submit a report to be included in the Budget Manuals for hearings, conducted
 36 by the General Assembly, listing all shared services transfers of positions,

1 funds, and appropriation under this section, which shall be submitted as
2 instructed by the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Budget
3 for uniformity.

4 (2) A report submitted under subdivision (b)(1) of this section
5 shall include the following:

6 (A) The position number, authorized position title, class
7 code, grade, business area, and name of the division, section, or unit for
8 the position being transferred to the Regular Salaries - Shared Services
9 section of this act; and

10 (B) The fund center, appropriation, appropriation amount,
11 commitment item or items, business area, and name of the division, section,
12 or unit for the fund or appropriation being transferred to the Shared
13 Services Paying Account.

14 (c)(1) It is the intent of the Ninety-Second General Assembly that the
15 authority under this section to transfer positions is intended for use for
16 the time period prior to Fiscal Year ~~2022~~ 2023 to allow cabinet-level
17 departments to establish a centralized Regular Salaries - Shared Services
18 section, with the recommendation that the position transfer authority granted
19 under this section be discontinued after that time.

20 (2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall bring the
21 recommendation in subdivision (c)(1) of this section to the attention of the
22 chairs conducting the ~~2021~~ 2022 ~~Regular~~ Fiscal Session pre-session budget
23 hearings, the chairs of the Special Language Subcommittee, and the members of
24 the Special Language Subcommittee during pre-session budget hearings.

25 (d) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount
26 of appropriation and general revenue funding for a cabinet-level department
27 each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually
28 accomplished by delineating the maximums in the appropriation act or acts and
29 establishing authorized positions and the general revenue allocations
30 authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue
31 Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the
32 cabinet-level departments created under Acts 2019, No. 910, may operate more
33 efficiently if some flexibility is provided as authorized under this section.
34 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
35 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or,
36 if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, as

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

6 (e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of
7 passage through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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9 SECTION 53. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
11 FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of
12 funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division of
13 Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act which remain at
14 the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next
15 state fiscal year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in
16 law.

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

19 (1) Prior to June 30, 2022 the Agency shall by written statement set forth
20 its reasons(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department
21 of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

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

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
5 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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7 SECTION 54. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
8 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
9 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
10 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
11 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
12 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
13 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
14 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
15 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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17 SECTION 55. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
18 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
19 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
20 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
21 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
22 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
23 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
24 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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26 SECTION 56. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
27 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
28 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.