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A Bill

SENATE BILL 67

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, 2023; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 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 2022-2023
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, 2023, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,416,092
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	748,365
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>\$3,436,457</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 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

8 regular employees.

10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	No. Code Title	2022-2023
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	3 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	13

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24 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

25 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce,

26 to be payable from the Skills Development Fund, for personal services,

27 operating expenses, and expenses of the Apprenticeship Program by the

28 Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development Administration -

29 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$572,887
34	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	177,115
35	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	143,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(04) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	<u>1,611,456</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,514,458</u></u>

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8 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is

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

10 Skills Development Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and

11 grants by of the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development for

12 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$189,846
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	59,807
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	65,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
21	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(04) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	4,500,000
25	(05) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	15,000,000
26	(06) WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	3,500,000
27	(07) INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION TESTING	<u>100,000</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$23,524,653</u></u>

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30 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING

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

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

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

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

35 ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$53,335
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	19,537
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,500
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>800,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$892,372</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous grants and expenses of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Wine Producers Council for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL	<u><u>\$5,000</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund, for land acquisition, construction, lease, equipment acquisition, improvements, renovation, major maintenance, personal services, maintenance and operating expenses associated with the wine tourism facility in Franklin County, Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
(01) ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY EXPENSES	<u><u>\$ 1,250,000</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses, and to expand opportunities relating to apprenticeship programs registered under the National Apprenticeship Act through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts and other arrangements, with states and other appropriate entities by the Department of Commerce - State Apprenticeship Expansion for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</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><u>\$262,500</u></u>

SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Salary Rate</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
			<u>2022-2023</u>
(1)	U055U ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	N214N ACOM AEDC EXEC VP GLOBAL BUSINESS	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	D029C SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT07
(4)	N062N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS DEV DIV DIR	1	GRADE GS15
(5)	N061N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(6)	N225N ACOM AEDC EXEC VICE PRES & GEN CO	1	GRADE GS15

1	(7)	N085N ACOM AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE GS14
2	(8)	G294C ACOM AEDC SENIOR COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
3	(9)	N083N ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
4	(10)	N059N ACOM AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
5	(11)	B139C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR OF EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS13
6	(12)	B140C ACOM AEDC MANU SOLUTIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
7	(13)	N196N MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
8	(14)	G030N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE GS12
9	(15)	G034N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
10	(16)	G245C ACOM AEDC DIR COMMUNITY DEV & IMPROV	1	GRADE GS12
11	(17)	G014C ACOM AEDC DIR OF COM DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE GS12
12	(18)	B018N ACOM AEDC FIELD ENGINEER	4	GRADE GS12
13	(19)	G035N ACOM AEDC SALES & MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS12
14	(20)	G273C ACOM AEDC SENIOR PROJECT CONSULTANT	4	GRADE GS12
15	(21)	G015C ACOM AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE GS12
16	(22)	U099U ACOM DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS12
17	(23)	B016C ACOM AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS11
18	(24)	P076C ACOM AEDC DIGITAL MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
19	(25)	P002C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE GS11
20	(26)	G062C ACOM AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	33	GRADE GS11
21	(27)	G048C ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE GS11
22	(28)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
23	(29)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
24	(30)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
25	(31)	C114C ACOM EXECUTIVE ASST TO SECRETARY	1	GRADE GS07
26	(32)	G148C ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
27	(33)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
28	(34)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
29	(35)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
30	(36)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
31	(37)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS04
32		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	84	

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34 SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 35 of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2022-2023
 36 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary

1 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 2 herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when
 3 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 4 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 5 appropriate classification.

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7 SECTION 12. EXTRA HELP - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby
 8 authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
 9 Commission - Division of Rural Services for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the
 10 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 11 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 12 (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 13 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 14 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas
 18 Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services,
 19 operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the
 20 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State
 21 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,222,896
26	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
27	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,308,418
28	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,348,238
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
31	(C) PROF. FEES	1,765,000
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(05) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
35	GRANTS	1,000,000
36	(06) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	900,000

1	(07) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
2	(08) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>1,714,800</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,280,838</u>

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5 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
7 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
8 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
9 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance
10 (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$325,764
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	106,774
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	0
22	(04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	27,500,000
23	(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
24	(06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$36,283,462</u>

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27 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is
28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
29 Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the
30 economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of
31 the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission -
32 Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
33 following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>

1 (01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES \$100,000,000

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3 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic
5 Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects as defined by
6 Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Department of Commerce -
7 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
12 (01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$200,000,000</u>

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14 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
16 New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of
17 performance program application fees of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
18 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
19 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
23 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$875,781</u>

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25 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby
26 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic
27 Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for incentives to attract
28 new business and economic development to the State by the Department of
29 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing
30 Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
34 (01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u>\$75,000,000</u>

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36 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE

1 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 2 be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account,
 3 for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division
 4 of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic
 5 Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 6 2023, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 NO.	<u>2022-2023</u>
10 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$438,705
11 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	138,889
12 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
15 (C) PROF. FEES	0
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	0
18 (04) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
19 (05) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
20 (06) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
21 (07) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>12,400,000</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,719,875</u>

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 24 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED
 25 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
 26 of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
 27 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in
 28 technology based businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the
 29 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Seed
 30 Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
 31 following:

33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 NO.	<u>2022-2023</u>
35 (01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,540,000</u>

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1 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 2 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby
 3 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas
 4 Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for grants by the Division of
 5 Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic
 6 Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for
 7 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

8	9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
11	(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

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13 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 14 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 15 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal
 16 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 17 services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services by the
 18 Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
 19 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network -
 20 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$307,834
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	93,493
26	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
33	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE GRANTS/OTHER	
34	GRANTS & AID	275,000
35	(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>376,120</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,062,731</u>

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2 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
3 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund
5 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
6 the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by
7 the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce -
8 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension
9 Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$345,963
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	105,162
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
18	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
22	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS &	
23	AID	<u>13,270</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,149,955</u></u>

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26 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
27 EPSCOR. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be
28 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
29 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by
30 the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce -
31 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - EPSCOR for the fiscal year ending
32 June 30, 2023, the following:

34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$231,745

1	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	70,220
2	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	120,000
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER	
9	GRANTS & AIDS	4,190,000
10	(05) EXTERNAL EVALUATORS	<u>400,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,011,965</u></u>

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13 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY
 14 EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 15 Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 16 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
 17 of the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce -
 18 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the
 19 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
23	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
26	(C) PROF. FEES	0
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

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31 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM
 32 EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 33 Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 34 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for STEM Program
 35 expenses of the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of
 36 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem Education - Cash

1 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
5 (01) STEM PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>\$40,000</u>

6

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

8 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 9 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal
 10 services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce
 11 - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State
 12 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

13

14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$154,934
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	52,518
19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
22 (C) PROF. FEES	0
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
26 (06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	1,000,000
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,685,590</u>

28

29 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.

30 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, 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 conference expenses of the Rural Services
 33 Division of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
 34 Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the
 35 following:

36

1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
3	(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$100,000</u>

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5 *SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION -*
 6 *RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is*
 7 *hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the*
 8 *cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal*
 9 *Officer of the State, for grants and operating expenses for the Fish and*
 10 *Wildlife Conservation Education Program by the Department of Commerce -*
 11 *Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,*
 12 *2023, the following:*

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
16	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
19	(C) PROF. FEES	0
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
21	(E) DATA PROC.	
22	(02) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	
23	EDUCATION GRANTS & AID	<u>800,000</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 850,000</u>

25

26 *SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS*
 27 *ENTERPRISE LOAN MOBILIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the*
 28 *Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Minority and Women-Owned*
 29 *Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, for promotion and development of*
 30 *minority and women-owned business enterprises in the state, increasing the*
 31 *ability of minority and women-owned business enterprises to compete for state*
 32 *contracts, and sustaining the economic growth of minority and women-owned*
 33 *business enterprises for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:*

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>

1 (01) MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS
 2 ENTERPRISE MOBILIZATION LOAN PROGRAM \$500,000
 3

4 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - LAW ENFORCEMENT
 5 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce -
 6 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division, to be
 7 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 8 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants to law enforcement agencies
 9 and associations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
13 (01) GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

14
 15 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 17 TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of the
 18 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer may
 19 transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the
 20 State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from
 21 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and
 22 Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, to provide funds for
 23 the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization
 24 appropriation herein.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
 26 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

27
 28 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 30 FORWARD – MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING FUND.
 31 Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business
 32 Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation which remain at the close of each
 33 state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to
 34 be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
 36 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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2 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
4 PROVISION – STATE OPERATIONS. After receiving approval from the Chief
5 Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review by the Legislative Council or
6 Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development
7 Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item
8 appropriation authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act to any
9 other line item authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act.

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

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
27 ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

28
29 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INDUSTRY
31 TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission
32 (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds
33 for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital
34 acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific
35 training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry
36 training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint

1 Budget Committee.

2 The provisions of this section shall be effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
3 2022 through July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023.

4
5 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
7 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby
8 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public
9 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of
10 operating foreign offices which shall only (i) provide export trade
11 assistance to Arkansas-based businesses, (ii) facilitate the repatriation to
12 Arkansas manufacturing businesses operating overseas, and (iii) encourage
13 direct investment in Arkansas of foreign companies that are not state-owned
14 or controlled. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed restrictive in its
15 language so as to preclude the use of standard Professional Services
16 Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices and/or payment of such
17 contracts from the special line items as established by legislative
18 appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
20 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

21
22 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
24 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
25 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance
26 (CDBG)- Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
27 allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside
28 from the annual Community Development Block Grant, as defined in AEDC's
29 Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban
30 Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be
31 used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the
32 Consolidated Plan.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
34 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

35
36 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
2 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all
3 applications for grant funds and shall certify those applications eligible
4 for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural Services
5 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall
6 recommend which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse
7 grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants
8 receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
9 Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the
10 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and
11 regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds
12 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition
13 of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing
14 Committee.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
16 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

17
18 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
20 PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving approval
21 from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the
22 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas
23 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from
24 any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -
25 Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the
26 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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

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

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
8 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

9
10 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
12 FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas
13 Economic Development Commission within this Act relating to the appropriation
14 in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section shall be used only when
15 necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and
16 shall require approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
17 Committee.

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

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
35 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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1 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
3 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic
4 Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to
5 the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private
6 funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic
7 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development
8 Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of
9 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary
10 and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries
11 established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in
12 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted
13 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to
14 unclassified employees.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
16 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

17
18 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
20 FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the
21 Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission
22 Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year shall be
23 carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent
24 and purposes as set forth in law.

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

27 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023 the Agency shall by written statement set
28 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
29 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
13 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

14
15 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED
17 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding
18 general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the
19 repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the Division of Science
20 and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, shall be
21 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Arkansas Economic
22 Development Commission Fund Account and shall remain in the Arkansas Economic
23 Development Commission Fund Account to be made available solely for the
24 benefit of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic
25 Development Commission to provide additional Seed Capital Investments.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
27 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

28
29 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
31 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of
32 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward
33 an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the
34 Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology -
35 State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants
36 which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2022~~ 2023 to be used for the same

1 purpose.

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

4 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023 the Agency shall by written statement set
5 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
6 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1 ~~2021~~
26 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

27

28 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

30 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief
31 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Economic
32 Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from
33 the Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas
34 Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the Arkansas Economic Development
35 Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all
36 transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
2 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

3
4 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
6 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish,
7 upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special
8 appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
9 When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its
10 operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to
11 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by
12 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
30 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

31
32 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
34 AWARD CRITERIA. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
35 Development Commission shall promulgate regulations establishing the criteria
36 to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this Act.

1 Subject to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas
2 Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Rural Services
3 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall distribute the
4 grants.

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

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
23 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

24

25 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
27 OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and in
28 support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, the Executive Director of the
29 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief Fiscal
30 Officer of the State the amount needed for transfer from the Arkansas
31 Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration
32 Fund. Upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount
33 certified shall be transferred. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
34 initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect all such transfers upon
35 the fiscal records of the State Auditor, the State Treasurer and the Chief
36 Fiscal Officer of the State.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
2 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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4 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
6 FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds
7 allocated for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas Economic
8 Development Commission Fund Account which remain at the close of each state
9 fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used
10 for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

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

13 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023 the Agency shall by written statement set
14 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
15 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2021~~
35 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

36

1 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
3 SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared
4 Services paying account on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer
5 of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and
6 operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the
7 Department of Commerce.

8 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the
9 transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
10 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
11 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

12 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
13 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
14 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
15 authorized for the department.

16 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
17 date of passage through June 30, 2023.

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19 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
21 FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of
22 funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division of
23 Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act which remain at
24 the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next
25 state fiscal year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in
26 law.

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

29 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023 the Agency shall by written statement set
30 forth its reasons(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
31 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

32 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
33 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
34 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting,
35 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
36 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name

1 or line item, the funding source of the appropriation and a copy of the
2 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

7 for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty

8 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution

9 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
10 Committee; and

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

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
15 ~~2021~~ 2022 through June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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17 SECTION 52. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
18 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
19 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
20 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
21 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
22 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
23 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
24 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
25 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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27 SECTION 53. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
28 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
29 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
30 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
31 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
32 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
33 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
34 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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36 SECTION 54. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,

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/s/Joint Budget Committee

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