

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2024  
4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 24

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
6

## 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, 2025; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
12  
13

## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL  
16 YEAR.  
17  
18  
19

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
21

22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby  
23 established for the Department of Commerce for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
24 following maximum number of regular employees.  
25

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
30	(1) SC002	ACOM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE SE05
31	(2) N215N	ACOM CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE01
32	(3) D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
33	(4) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
34	(5) D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
35	(6) D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
36	(7) D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05



1	(8)	N084N ACOM AEDC MRKT & COMMUNICATIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS15
2	(9)	G302C ACOM CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
3	(10)	A139C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS15
4	(11)	N066N ACOM CHIEF COMM & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS	2	GRADE GS14
5	(12)	G026N ACOM AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MGMT SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
6	(13)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS12
7	(14)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
8	(15)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
9	(16)	A040C ACOM ADFA FISCAL PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
10	(17)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
11	(18)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
12	(19)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
13	(20)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	5	GRADE GS08
14	(21)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
15	(22)	A080C ACOM FINANCE AUTHORITY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
16	(23)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
17	(24)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
18	(25)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
19	(26)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS04
20		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	34	

21

22 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is  
 23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 24 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 25 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -  
 26 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

27

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,402,581
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	871,414
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	272,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,545,995</u></u>

3

4 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is

5 hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills

6 Development for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

7 regular employees.

9		Maximum Annual
10		Salary Rate
11	Item Class	Fiscal Year
12	No. Code Title	2024-2025
13	(1) U065U ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
14	(2) G010C ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1 GRADE GS12
15	(3) E074C ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	4 GRADE GS10
16	(4) E073C APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION COORDINATOR	1 GRADE GS10
17	(5) E075C ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	3 GRADE GS09
18	(6) A060C SENIOR AUDITOR	1 GRADE GS08
19	(7) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1 GRADE GS05
20	(8) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u> GRADE GS04
21	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	13

22

23 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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

27 Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development Administration -

28 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$572,887
33	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	191,711
34	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	143,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	<u>1,611,456</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,529,054</u></u>

6

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

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

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

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

11 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$209,296
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	70,845
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	65,000
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	4,500,000
24	(05) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	15,000,000
25	(06) WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	3,500,000
26	(07) INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION TESTING	<u>100,000</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$23,505,141</u></u>

28

29 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING

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

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

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

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

34 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
----	------	-------------

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$53,335
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	19,841
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	7,500
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT	
11	TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>800,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$892,676</u></u>

13  
 14       SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL. There is  
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 16 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous grants and expenses of  
 17 the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Wine Producers Council for the fiscal  
 18 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

19		
20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
22	(01) ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL	<u><u>\$5,000</u></u>

23  
 24       SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY. There is  
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 26 Tourism Development Trust Fund, for land acquisition, construction, lease,  
 27 equipment acquisition, improvements, renovation, major maintenance, personal  
 28 services, maintenance and operating expenses associated with the wine tourism  
 29 facility in Franklin County, Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 30 2025, the following:

31		
32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34	(01) ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY	
35	EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,250,000</u></u>

36

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, 2025, the following:

10

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$75,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	24,818
(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>\$268,568</u></u>

22

SECTION 10. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

26

Item	Class	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>2024-2025</u>
(1)	U055U ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
(2)	U063U ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	N214N ACOM AEDC EXEC VP GLOBAL BUSINESS	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	D029C SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT07
(5)	N062N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIV DIR	1	GRADE GS15
(6)	N061N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15

36

1	(7)	N225N ACOM AEDC EXEC VP & GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
2	(8)	N085N ACOM AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE GS14
3	(9)	G294C ACOM AEDC SENIOR COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
4	(10)	N083N ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
5	(11)	N059N ACOM AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
6	(12)	B139C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR OF EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS13
7	(13)	B140C ACOM AEDC MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS13
8	(14)	N196N MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
9	(15)	G030N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE GS12
10	(16)	G034N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
11	(17)	G245C ACOM AEDC DIR COMMUNITY DEV & IMPROVE	1	GRADE GS12
12	(18)	G014C ACOM AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE GS12
13	(19)	B018N ACOM AEDC FIELD ENGINEER	4	GRADE GS12
14	(20)	G035N ACOM AEDC SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS12
15	(21)	G273C ACOM AEDC SENIOR PROJECT CONSULTANT	4	GRADE GS12
16	(22)	G015C ACOM AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE GS12
17	(23)	U099U ACOM DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS12
18	(24)	B016C ACOM AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS11
19	(25)	P076C ACOM AEDC DIGITAL MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
20	(26)	P002C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE GS11
21	(27)	G062C ACOM AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	33	GRADE GS11
22	(28)	G048C ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE GS11
23	(29)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
24	(30)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
25	(31)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
26	(32)	C114C ACOM EXECUTIVE ASST TO SECRETARY	1	GRADE GS07
27	(33)	G148C ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
28	(34)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
29	(35)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
30	(36)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
31	(37)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
32	(38)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS04
33		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	85	

34

35 SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department

36 of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2024-2025

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

7  
 8 SECTION 12. EXTRA HELP - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby  
 9 authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development  
 10 Commission - Division of Rural Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
 11 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as  
 12 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one  
 13 (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to  
 14 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or  
 15 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

16  
 17 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 18 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas  
 19 Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services,  
 20 operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the  
 21 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State  
 22 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

23

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,348,130
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,476,696
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,348,238
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
(C) PROF. FEES	1,765,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM GRANTS	1,000,000



1	(06) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	900,000
2	(07) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
3	(08) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>1,714,800</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$13,574,350</u></u>

5

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

7 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 8 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 9 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 10 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance  
 11 (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

12

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$382,165
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	135,235
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) GRANTS / AIDS - CDBG	48,261,988
24	(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	7,579,614
25	(06) FLOOD RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>615,710</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$57,130,312</u></u>

27

28 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY. There is hereby  
 29 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development  
 30 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief  
 31 Fiscal Officer of the State, for addressing long term recovery and  
 32 restoration of infrastructure, housing and economic revitalization in the  
 33 most impacted and distressed areas of the State for the fiscal year ending  
 34 June 30, 2025, the following:

35

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
----	------	-------------

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY	<u>\$8,933,441</u>

3

4 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is

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

6 Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the

7 economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of

8 the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission -

9 Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the

10 following:

11		
12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
14	(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u>\$100,000,000</u>

15

16 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby

17 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic

18 Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects as defined by

19 Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Department of Commerce -

20 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year

21 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

22		
23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
25	(01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$200,000,000</u>

26

27 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is

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

29 New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of

30 performance program application fees of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas

31 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the

32 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

33		
34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$875,781</u>

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for incentives to attract new business and economic development to the State by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u>\$75,000,000</u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$438,705
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	165,778
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
(05) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
(06) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
(07) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>12,400,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,746,764</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENT - 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 investments in technology based businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,540,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for grants by the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. 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, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services by the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$374,750
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	126,079
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	139,171
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C) PROF. FEES	0
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(04) GRANTS AND AID - AR MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK	275,000
10	(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>376,120</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,291,120</u>

12

13 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -  
 14 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby  
 15 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund  
 16 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 17 the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by  
 18 the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce -  
 19 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension  
 20 Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

21

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$345,963
25	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	117,821
26	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
29	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
33	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS &	
34	AID	<u>13,270</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,162,614</u>

36

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - ENERGY EFFICIENCY - 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 operating expenses of the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$100,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STEM EDUCATION - 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 STEM program expenses of the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Stem Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) STEM PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u><u>\$40,000</u></u>

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

1		
2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$154,934
5	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
6	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	63,022
7	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
9	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
10	(C) PROF. FEES	0
11	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12	(E) DATA PROC.	0
13	(05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	400,000
14	(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	<u>1,000,000</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,696,094</u></u>

16

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

18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable  
 19 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
 20 Fiscal Officer of the State, for conference expenses of the Rural Services  
 21 Division of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development  
 22 Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
 23 following:

24

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
27	(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

28

29 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION -

30 RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is  
 31 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the  
 32 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
 33 Officer of the State, for grants and operating expenses for the Fish and  
 34 Wildlife Conservation Education Program by the Department of Commerce -  
 35 Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 36 2025, the following:

1		
2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
4	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(02) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	
11	EDUCATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>800,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$850,000</u></u>

13

14       SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS

15 ENTERPRISE LOAN MOBILIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the

16 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

17 payable from the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization

18 Revolving Fund, for promotion and development of minority and women-owned

19 business enterprises in the state, increasing the ability of minority and

20 women-owned business enterprises to compete for state contracts, and

21 sustaining the economic growth of minority and women-owned for the fiscal

22 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

23		
24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
26	(01) MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS	
27	ENTERPRISE MOBILIZATION LOAN	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

28

29       SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

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

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

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

34 and associations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

35		
36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR



1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

3

4 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR

5 - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce -

6 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and

7 Technology, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

8 Fiscal Officer of the State, for strengthening research and education in

9 science and engineering in Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,

10 the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$240,216
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	135,519
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	254,080
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	305,735
18	(C) PROF. FEES	447,470
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(04) GRANTS AND AID - RESEARCH AND EDUCATION	14,223,777
22	(05) EXTERNAL EVALUATORS	400,000
23	(06) INDIRECT FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	<u>34,502</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,041,299</u>

25

26

27 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - FEASIBILITY STUDY. There is hereby

28 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development

29 Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury

30 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses for a

31 feasibility study for a spaceport by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas

32 Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the

33 following:

34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

1 (01) SPACEPORT FEASIBILITY STUDY \$950,000

2

3 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - RURAL ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4 INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to  
5 be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined  
6 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants and operational expenses  
7 of the Rural Arkansas Economic Development Initiative of the Department of  
8 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year  
9 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

10

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
13	(01) GRANTS AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	<u>\$8,800,000</u>

14

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

17 FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of  
18 the 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, ~~2023~~  
26 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

27

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

30 CARRY FORWARD – MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING  
31 FUND. Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned  
32 Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation which remain at the close  
33 of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal  
34 year to 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, ~~2023~~  
36 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

1  
2 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

4 TRANSFER PROVISION – STATE OPERATIONS. After receiving approval from the  
5 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review by the Legislative Council  
6 or 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 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

28  
29 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

31 FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is  
32 hereby authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or  
33 public companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose  
34 of operating foreign offices which shall only (i) provide export trade  
35 assistance to Arkansas-based businesses, (ii) facilitate the repatriation to  
36 Arkansas manufacturing businesses operating overseas, and (iii) encourage

1 direct investment in Arkansas of foreign companies that are not state-owned  
2 or controlled. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed restrictive in its  
3 language so as to preclude the use of standard Professional Services  
4 Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices and/or payment of such  
5 contracts from the special line items as established by legislative  
6 appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
8 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

9  
10 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
12 RURAL DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development  
13 Grants within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community  
14 Assistance (CDBG) - Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission  
15 (AEDC) shall allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural  
16 Development Set-Aside from the annual Community Development Block Grant, as  
17 defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of  
18 Housing and Urban Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-  
19 Aside are to be used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined  
20 in the Consolidated Plan.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
22 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025

23  
24 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
26 GRANT REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall  
27 review all applications for grant funds and shall certify those applications  
28 eligible for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural  
29 Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall  
30 recommend which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse  
31 grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants  
32 receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas  
33 Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the  
34 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and  
35 regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds  
36 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition

1 of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing  
2 Committee.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
4 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

5

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

8 TRANSFER PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving  
9 approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the  
10 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas  
11 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from  
12 any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -  
13 Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the  
14 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
32 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

33

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

36 FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas

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

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

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
23 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

24  
25 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

27 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic  
28 Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to  
29 the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private  
30 funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic  
31 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development  
32 Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of  
33 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary  
34 and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries  
35 established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in  
36 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted

1 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to  
2 unclassified employees.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
4 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

5  
6 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 CARRY FORWARD - INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds  
9 for the Industry Training Program in the Arkansas Economic Development  
10 Commission Fund Account which remain at the close of each state fiscal year  
11 shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the  
12 same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

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

15 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement set  
16 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
17 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~

1 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

2  
3 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

5 CARRY FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and  
6 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to  
7 carry forward an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended  
8 funds in the Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and  
9 Technology - State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied  
10 research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2024~~ 2025 to be  
11 used for the same purpose.

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

14 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement set  
15 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
16 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1 ~~2023~~  
36 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.



1  
2 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
4 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief  
5 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Economic  
6 Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from  
7 the Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas  
8 Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the Arkansas Economic Development  
9 Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all  
10 transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
12 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

13  
14 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
16 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish,  
17 upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special  
18 appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.  
19 When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its  
20 operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to  
21 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by  
22 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

1 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a  
2 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
4 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

5  
6 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 GRANT AWARD CRITERIA. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic  
9 Development Commission shall promulgate rules establishing the criteria to be  
10 utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this Act. Subject  
11 to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas Legislative  
12 Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Rural Services Division of the  
13 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall distribute the 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, ~~2023~~  
32 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

33  
34 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

36 TRANSFER OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and

1 in support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, the Executive Director of  
2 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief  
3 Fiscal 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, ~~2023~~  
11 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

12  
13 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

15 CARRY FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of  
16 funds allocated for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas  
17 Economic Development Commission Fund Account which remain at the close of  
18 each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year  
19 to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law. Any carry  
20 forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried  
21 forward under the following conditions:

22 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 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, ~~2023~~  
8 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

9  
10 SECTION 51. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
12 SHARED SERVICES.

13 (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared  
14 Services paying account on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer  
15 of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and  
16 operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the  
17 Department of Commerce.

18 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the  
19 transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account  
20 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
21 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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

26 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the  
27 date of passage through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

28  
29 SECTION 52. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

31 CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance  
32 of funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division  
33 of Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act which remain  
34 at the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next  
35 state fiscal year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in  
36 law.

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

3 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement set  
4 forth its reasons(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
5 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

18 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution  
19 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
20 Committee; and

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

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
25 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

26  
27 SECTION 53. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

36

1 SECTION 54. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
9

10 SECTION 55. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
11 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
12 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of  
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm  
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36