

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

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

As Engrossed: S4/23/24

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	(2.1) D150C	ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT12
33	(3) D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
34	(4) D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
35	(5) D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
36	(6) D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05



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

22

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, 2025, the following:

28

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,542,902
32	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	911,236
33	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	272,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,026,138</u>

4

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 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 8 regular employees.

9

10		Maximum Annual
11		Salary Rate
12	Item Class	Fiscal Year
13	No. Code Title	2024-2025
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

23

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, 2025, the following:

30

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$572,887
34	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	191,711
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>\$2,529,054</u></u>

7
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 the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills Development for the
12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$209,296
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	70,845
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	100,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
21	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
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>50,000</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$23,505,141</u></u>

29
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, 2025, the following:

36

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

14

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

20

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

24

25 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY. There is
26 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
27 Tourism Development Trust Fund, for land acquisition, construction, lease,
28 equipment acquisition, improvements, renovation, major maintenance, personal
29 services, maintenance and operating expenses associated with the wine tourism
30 facility in Franklin County, Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30,
31 2025, the following:

32

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

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>

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.

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>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

1	(6)	N061N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
2	(7)	N225N ACOM AEDC EXEC VP & GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
3	(8)	N085N ACOM AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE GS14
4	(9)	G294C ACOM AEDC SENIOR COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
5	(10)	N083N ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
6	(11)	N059N ACOM AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
7	(12)	B139C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR OF EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS13
8	(13)	B140C ACOM AEDC MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS13
9	(14)	N196N MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
10	(15)	G030N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE GS12
11	(16)	G034N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
12	(17)	G245C ACOM AEDC DIR COMMUNITY DEV & IMPROVE	1	GRADE GS12
13	(18)	G014C ACOM AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1	GRADE GS12
14	(19)	B018N ACOM AEDC FIELD ENGINEER	4	GRADE GS12
15	(20)	G035N ACOM AEDC SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS12
16	(21)	G273C ACOM AEDC SENIOR PROJECT CONSULTANT	4	GRADE GS12
17	(22)	G015C ACOM AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE GS12
18	(23)	U099U ACOM DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS12
19	(24)	B016C ACOM AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS11
20	(25)	P076C ACOM AEDC DIGITAL MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
21	(26)	P002C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR FILM COMMISSION	1	GRADE GS11
22	(27)	G062C ACOM AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	33	GRADE GS11
23	(28)	G048C ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLANNING ASST DIR	1	GRADE GS11
24	(29)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
25	(30)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
26	(31)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
27	(32)	C114C ACOM EXECUTIVE ASST TO SECRETARY	1	GRADE GS07
28	(33)	G148C ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
29	(34)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
30	(35)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
31	(36)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
32	(37)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
33	(38)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS04
34		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	85	

35

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

1 of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2024-2025
 2 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 3 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 4 herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when
 5 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 6 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 7 appropriate classification.

8

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

17

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

24

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,348,130
28	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
29	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,476,696
30	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,450,650
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
33	(C) PROF. FEES	1,765,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(05) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	

1	GRANTS	877,588
2	(06) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	900,000
3	(07) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
4	(08) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>1,714,800</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>13,474,350</u>

6

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

8 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable

9 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

10 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of

11 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance

12 (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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

28

29 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY. There is hereby

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

31 Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

32 Fiscal Officer of the State, for addressing long term recovery and

33 restoration of infrastructure, housing and economic revitalization in the

34 most impacted and distressed areas of the State for the fiscal year ending

35 June 30, 2025, the following:

36

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

4

5 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is
6 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
7 Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the
8 economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of
9 the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission -
10 Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
11 following:

12

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

16

17 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby
18 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic
19 Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects as defined by
20 Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution for the Department of Commerce -
21 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year
22 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

23

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

27

28 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
29 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
30 New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of
31 performance program application fees of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
32 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
33 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

34

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

1 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS \$875,781

2

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

9

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

13

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

21

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

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$374,750
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	126,079
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	139,171
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
7	(C) PROF. FEES	0
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) GRANTS AND AID - AR MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK	275,000
11	(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>376,120</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,291,120</u></u>

13

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

22

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

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

2

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

17

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

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

25

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

29

30 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION -

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

1 2025, the following:

2

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

14

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

16 ENTERPRISE LOAN MOBILIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 17 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 18 payable from the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization
 19 Revolving Fund, for promotion and development of minority and women-owned
 20 business enterprises in the state, increasing the ability of minority and
 21 women-owned business enterprises to compete for state contracts, and
 22 sustaining the economic growth of minority and women-owned for the fiscal
 23 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

24

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

29

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

31 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce -
 32 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division, to be
 33 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 34 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants to law enforcement agencies
 35 and associations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

36

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

4

5 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR
6 - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce -
7 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and
8 Technology, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
9 Fiscal Officer of the State, for strengthening research and education in
10 science and engineering in Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,
11 the following:

12

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

27

28 SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - FEASIBILITY STUDY. There is hereby
29 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
30 Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
31 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses for a
32 feasibility study for a spaceport by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
33 Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
34 following:

35

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

1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) SPACEPORT FEASIBILITY STUDY	<u>\$950,000</u>

3

4 SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - RURAL ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
5 INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
6 be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined
7 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants and operational expenses
8 of the Rural Arkansas Economic Development Initiative of the Department of
9 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year
10 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

11

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

15

16 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
18 FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of
19 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer may
20 transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the
21 State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from
22 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and
23 Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, to provide funds for
24 the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization
25 appropriation herein.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
27 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

28

29 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
31 CARRY FORWARD – MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING
32 FUND. Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned
33 Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation which remain at the close
34 of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal
35 year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

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

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

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
28 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

29

30 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
32 FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is
33 hereby authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or
34 public companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose
35 of operating foreign offices which shall only (i) provide export trade
36 assistance to Arkansas-based businesses, (ii) facilitate the repatriation to

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

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
9 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

1 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition
2 of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing
3 Committee.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
5 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

6
7 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
9 TRANSFER PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving
10 approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the
11 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas
12 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from
13 any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -
14 Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the
15 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

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

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
33 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

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

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

25

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

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

1 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted
2 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to
3 unclassified employees.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
5 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
2 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

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

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
13 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

14

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

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

1 severable part of this Section. If the requirement of approval by the
2 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
3 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
5 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

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 Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
22 Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is
23 provided to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
24 Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is
25 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
26 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
27 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
28 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
29 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
30 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
31 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
33 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

1 TRANSFER OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and
2 in support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, the Executive Director of
3 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief
4 Fiscal Officer of the State the amount needed for transfer from the Arkansas
5 Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration
6 Fund. Upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount
7 certified shall be transferred. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
8 initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect all such transfers upon
9 the fiscal records of the State Auditor, the State Treasurer and the Chief
10 Fiscal Officer of the State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
9 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

10

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

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

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

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

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

29

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

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

1 law.

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, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement set
5 forth its reasons(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 the 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.
18 for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty
19 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution
20 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
21 Committee; and

22 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all
23 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,
26 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

27

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

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

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

22
23 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36