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3 Regular Session, 2003
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1558

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT FOR THE BIENNIAL
12 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS EMPLOYMENT
17 SECURITY DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR
18 THE 2003-2005 BIENNIUM.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Arkansas
25 Employment Security Department for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following
26 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
27 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
28 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
29 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual
30 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of
31 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying
32 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the
33 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),
34 or its successor.
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36 Maximum Annual



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1				Maximum	Salary Rate	
2	Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
3	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2003-2004	2004-2005
4	(1)	9926	ESD DIRECTOR	1	\$114,762	\$117,219
5	(2)	9624	ESD DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$94,876	\$97,055
6	(3)	9928	CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW	1	\$85,831	\$87,862
7	(4)	7027	ESD CHIEF COUNSEL/OFC LEGAL SVCS	1	\$85,831	\$87,862
8	(5)	7026	ESD ASST DIR, INFO AND TECHNOLOGY	1	\$85,831	\$87,862
9	(6)	7025	ESD ASST DIR, UNEMPLOYMENT INS	1	\$85,831	\$87,862
10	(7)	7024	ESD ASST DIR, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	1	\$85,831	\$87,862
11	(8)	7023	ESD ASST DIR, EMPLOYMENT ASSIST	1	\$85,831	\$87,862
12	(9)	9275	FEDERAL GRANTS/RESOURCE ADMINISTRATO	1	\$78,811	\$80,709
13	(10)	053Z	ESD DIR INTERNAL AUDIT & SECURITY	1		GRADE 26
14	(11)	827Z	DP CENTER MANAGER	1		GRADE 26
15	(12)	922Z	ESD DEP ASST DIR EMPLOYMENT ASSISTAN	1		GRADE 26
16	(13)	924Z	ESD DEP ASST DIR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURA	1		GRADE 26
17	(14)	R170	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1		GRADE 25
18	(15)	710Z	ESD AREA OPERATION CHIEF	4		GRADE 24
19	(16)	711Z	ESD DIVISION CHIEF	8		GRADE 24
20	(17)	716Z	ESD ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	1		GRADE 24
21	(18)	D130	INFORMATION SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	1		GRADE 24
22	(19)	R036	ATTORNEY	7		GRADE 24
23	(20)	717Z	ESD PERSONNEL MANAGER	1		GRADE 23
24	(21)	D046	SYSTEMS APPLICATIONS SUPERVISOR	5		GRADE 23
25	(22)	744Z	ESD EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGER	1		GRADE 22
26	(23)	795Z	ESD MANAGER II	16		GRADE 22
27	(24)	D038	SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER	2		GRADE 22
28	(25)	D066	SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST II	1		GRADE 22
29	(26)	D124	LEAD PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	12		GRADE 22
30	(27)	E051	TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1		GRADE 22
31	(28)	799Z	ESD MANAGER I	10		GRADE 21
32	(29)	A008	ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR II	6		GRADE 21
33	(30)	D010	DATA BASE ANALYST	1		GRADE 21
34	(31)	D036	SR PROGRAMMER/ANALYST	8		GRADE 21
35	(32)	R111	ESD PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	20		GRADE 21
36	(33)	A036	FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	5		GRADE 20

1	(34)	A038	FINANCIAL ANALYST	1	GRADE 20
2	(35)	A056	INTERNAL AUDITOR	2	GRADE 20
3	(36)	C018	ESD COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA OFFICER	1	GRADE 20
4	(37)	R144	PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 20
5	(38)	R266	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	26	GRADE 20
6	(39)	A154	ESD FIELD TAX REP III	5	GRADE 19
7	(40)	E074	TRAINING REPRESENTATIVE	2	GRADE 19
8	(41)	R030	ASST PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE 19
9	(42)	R048	BUDGET SPECIALIST	4	GRADE 19
10	(43)	R059	ESD APPEALS REFEREE	15	GRADE 19
11	(44)	R086	CIVIL RIGHTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 19
12	(45)	R150	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	17	GRADE 19
13	(46)	R168	GRANTS COORDINATOR II	1	GRADE 19
14	(47)	R344	ESD SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE 19
15	(48)	Y031	ESD PRINT SHOP SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 19
16	(49)	A070	ESD FIELD TAX REP II	27	GRADE 18
17	(50)	A111	ACCOUNTANT	14	GRADE 18
18	(51)	D034	PROGRAMMER ANALYST	1	GRADE 18
19	(52)	G028	BLDG PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	1	GRADE 18
20	(53)	M170	QUALITY CONTROL REVIEWER	1	GRADE 18
21	(54)	R169	ESD EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REP	1	GRADE 18
22	(55)	R237	ESD PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	45	GRADE 18
23	(56)	R264	MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST I	6	GRADE 18
24	(57)	R327	ESD RESEARCH & ANALYSIS ANALYST	2	GRADE 18
25	(58)	V040	PURCHASE AGENT II/PURCHASE AGENT	1	GRADE 18
26	(59)	X310	ESD TECHNICIAN II	4	GRADE 18
27	(60)	X346	ESD UI CLAIM TECHNICIAN	38	GRADE 18
28	(61)	X355	ESD U I INVESTIGATOR II	11	GRADE 18
29	(62)	A055	ESD FIELD TAX REP I	1	GRADE 17
30	(63)	K040	ESD UNIT SUPERVISOR II	7	GRADE 17
31	(64)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	8	GRADE 17
32	(65)	R190	PERSONNEL OFFICER II	2	GRADE 17
33	(66)	R257	ESD INTERVIEWER II	231	GRADE 17
34	(67)	A024	COLLECTION OFFICER	1	GRADE 16
35	(68)	K044	ESD UNIT SUPERVISOR I	3	GRADE 16
36	(69)	A031	DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	2	GRADE 15

1	(70)	A063	PAYROLL OFFICER	1	GRADE 15
2	(71)	A108	ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN II	16	GRADE 15
3	(72)	K011	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE 15
4	(73)	R009	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I	2	GRADE 15
5	(74)	V051	STOREROOM SUPV/STORE SUPV	1	GRADE 15
6	(75)	K041	EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	3	GRADE 14
7	(76)	K117	MEDICAL OR LEGAL SECRETARY	4	GRADE 14
8	(77)	X336	ESD CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR	19	GRADE 14
9	(78)	A012	ESD ACCOUNTING CLERK	1	GRADE 13
10	(79)	K153	SECRETARY II	12	GRADE 13
11	(80)	K039	DOCUMENT EXAMINER II	15	GRADE 12
12	(81)	X330	ESD CLAIMS ADJUDICATOR TRAINEE	1	GRADE 12
13	(82)	V029	INVENTORY CONTROL CLERK	1	GRADE 10
14	(83)	K065	MAIL OFFICER	2	GRADE 09
15	(84)	G035	CUSTODIAL WRKR II	1	GRADE 04
16	(85)	G171	CUSTODIAL WRKR I	<u>1</u>	GRADE 03
17			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	697	

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19 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT PROGRAM. There is
 20 hereby appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set
 21 out herein, to the Arkansas Employment Security Department for the biennial
 22 period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

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24 (a) For the Administration and Support Program, the sum of \$117,834,935 for
 25 the 2003-2004 fiscal year and \$39,530,047 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

26 (1) Program Description. To provide employers, workers, and the general
 27 public with employment related services that enhance the economic stability
 28 of Arkansas.

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30	(2) Appropriation payable from:		FISCAL YEARS	
31			<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
32	(A) Federal Funds as designated by			
33	the Chief Fiscal Officer of the			
34	State	\$ 101,932,226	\$	24,480,046
35	(B) Other Funds	\$ 34,317,409	\$	33,464,701

36 (3) Performance Targets:

1	(A) Percent of Agency Performance		
2	Measures met	90%	90%
3	(B) Number of prior year audit		
4	findings reported in subsequent		
5	audit.	0	0
6	(C) Percent of agency staff and		
7	budget in the Administration		
8	Program compared to total agency		
9	positions and budget.	20%	20%
10	(D) Percent of information		
11	technology budget compared to		
12	total agency budget.	5%	5%
13	(E) Number of proprietary		
14	informational systems maintained		
15	by agency staff or maintained		
16	through contractual services.	10	12
17	(F) Percent completion to record and		
18	allocate general support and overhead		
19	costs to federal programs.	90%	90%

21 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE WORKFORCE SERVICES PROGRAM. There is
 22 hereby appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set
 23 out herein, to the Arkansas Employment Security Department for the biennial
 24 period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

26 (a) For the State Workforce Services Program, the sum of \$669,416,607 for
 27 the 2003-2004 fiscal year and \$669,989,565 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

28 (1) Program Description. To provide employers, workers, and the general
 29 public with employment related services that enhance the economic stability
 30 of Arkansas.

31	(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
32		<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
33	(A) Federal Funds as designated by		
34	the Chief Fiscal Officer of the		
35	State	\$ 669,416,607	\$ 669,989,565

36 (3) Performance Targets:

1	(A) Arkansas unemployment percentage		
2	rate as compared to U.S. unemployment		
3	percentage rate.	4.8%/5.4%	4.5%/5.1%
4	(B) Percentage of veterans receiving		
5	case management services finding		
6	employment.	29%	32%
7	(C) Percentage increase per year -		
8	help the employed and unemployed		
9	find work or training.	.4%	.4%
10	(D) Percentage increase per year -		
11	number of workforce incentive		
12	credit certificates issued for		
13	targeted workers.	.4%	.4%
14	(E) Average duration rate of		
15	unemployment compensation		
16	benefits - in weeks.	12	11.8
17	(F) Percentage of payment of first		
18	unemployment insurance benefit		
19	check within 14 days.	90%	90%
20	(G) Percentage of transfers of taxes		
21	from local banks to the U.I.		
22	Trust Fund in the U.S. Treasury		
23	within 1.75 days.	98%	98%
24	(H) Number of persons receiving		
25	trade displacement assistance.	1,300	1,400
26	(I) Percent or less of annual revisions		
27	required to labor market		
28	information reports completed in		
29	accordance with grant		
30	requirements for accuracy and		
31	timeliness.	3.5%	3%

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33 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD SERVICES
34 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund
35 accounts as set out herein, to the Arkansas Employment Security Department
36 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

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(a) For the Local Workforce Development Board Services Program, the sum of \$70,089,706 for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and \$70,099,136 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

(1) Program Description. To provide employers, workers, and the general public with employment related services that enhance the economic stability of Arkansas.

(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
(A) Federal Funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State	\$ 70,089,706	\$ 70,099,136

(3) Performance Targets:		
(A) Percentage of conducted annual fiscal and program monitoring and audit resolution on ten (10) Local Workforce Investment Agencies and three (3) statewide programs.	95%	95%

SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Employment Security Department – New Hire Registry for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Years
<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2003-2004 2004-2005</u>
(1) 8037 ESD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	<u>1</u>	\$73,952 \$75,757

1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 1

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3 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - NEW HIRE REGISTRY PROGRAM. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out
5 herein, to the Arkansas Employment Security Department for the biennial
6 period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

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8 (a) For the New Hire Registry Program, the sum of \$529,286 for the 2003-2004
9 fiscal year and \$529,286 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

10 (1) Program Description. To provide employers, workers, and the general
11 public with employment related services that enhance the economic stability
12 of Arkansas.

13 (2) Appropriation payable from: FISCAL YEARS
14 2003-2004 2004-2005

15 (A) General Revenue:
16 State General Services Fund Account \$ 179,974 \$ 179,974
17 TOTAL General Revenue \$ 179,974 \$ 179,974

18 (B) Federal Funds as designated by
19 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
20 State \$ 349,312 \$ 349,312

21 (3) Performance Targets:
22 (A) Percentage of data entered in the
23 New Hire Registry within five (5)
24 business days of receipt. 95% 95%
25 (B) Percentage of Arkansas data provided
26 to National Directory within three
27 (3) business days. 95% 95%

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29 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING RENOVATION. There is
30 hereby appropriated, to the Employment Security Department, to be payable
31 from the ESD Special Fund, for renovation of the Employment Security
32 Department (ESD) Central Office Building for the biennial period ending June
33 30, 2005, the sum of.....\$2,000,000.

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

1 FORWARD - NEW HIRE REGISTRY. Any balance in the appropriation and funds made
2 available by this Act for the New Hire Registry which remain on ~~June 30, 2002~~
3 June 30, 2004, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to be used
4 for the same purpose. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only
5 from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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7 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
9 HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Employment Security Department for
10 the ~~2001-2003~~ 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time
11 or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
12 appropriated herein for such purposes: four hundred (400) temporary or part-
13 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
14 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the
15 appropriate classification. Any of these positions utilized in a manner
16 which are funded by federal sources are specifically exempt from limitation
17 of hours, either by Act or Regulation. The provisions of this section shall
18 be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June
19 30, 2005.

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21 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
23 FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of appropriation made by this Act, which
24 remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, shall be
25 transferred forward and made available for any purpose other than Regular
26 Salaries and Maintenance and General Operations for the fiscal year ending
27 June 30, 2005. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from
28 July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005.

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30 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. "REED ACT
32 FUNDS". Funds made available to the State under Section 903 of the Social
33 Security Act may be used, under the direction of the Employment Security
34 Department ~~with respect to federal fiscal year 1999, for the purpose of~~
35 ~~construction, and improvement of buildings, rent/lease costs, acquisition of~~
36 ~~land and/or for the payment of salaries, related benefits and maintenance and~~

1 ~~operation of central and local office staff. Monies credited~~ with respect to
2 federal fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 ~~shall be used~~ solely for the
3 administration of the unemployment compensation program, for the purpose of
4 construction, and improvement of buildings, rent/lease costs, acquisition of
5 land and/or for the payment of salaries, related benefits and maintenance and
6 operation of central and local office staff, or as otherwise prescribed in
7 Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended.

8 Funds received by the State on March 13, 2002 may be used as specified in
9 903(d) of the Social Security Act, for the purpose of construction, and
10 improvement of buildings, rent/lease costs, acquisition of land and/or for
11 the payment of salaries, related benefits and maintenance and operation of
12 central and local office staff, or as otherwise prescribed in Section 903 of
13 the Social Security Act, as amended.

14 The amount obligated pursuant to this Act shall not exceed the amount by
15 which (a) the aggregate of the amounts transferred to the account of this
16 State pursuant to Section 903 of the Social Security Act exceeds (b) the
17 aggregate of the amounts used by this State and charged against the amounts
18 transferred to the account of this State.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~
20 July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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

24 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS. The Director of the Employment Security Department,
25 after receiving the approval of the Office of Personnel Management, and after
26 seeking the prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council, shall have the
27 authority to establish such new or additional full time positions as may
28 become necessary to carry out the objectives of the program and/or to meet
29 Federal requirements of new and/or expanded programs where such needs are
30 financed by federal funds; provided that not more than two hundred persons
31 may be employed in addition to those authorized in the salary schedule and
32 that the rate of pay shall not exceed those set out in the salary schedule
33 for comparable positions as authorized under the provisions of Section 1 of
34 this Act.

35 If the agency requests continuation of a "Growth Pool" position(s) as
36 established herein during the next biennium, the position(s) must be

1 requested as a new position(s) in the agencies biennial budget request.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July
3 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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5 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
7 FORWARD. Any balance in the General Revenue funds made available by this Act
8 as matching funds for the Welfare-to-Work Initiative which remains on ~~June~~
9 ~~30, 2002~~ June 30, 2004, may be carried forward into the next fiscal year, to
10 be used for the same purpose. The provisions of this section shall be in
11 effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30,
12 2005.

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14 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MATCHING
16 FUNDS ALLOCATION. The Director of the Employment Security Department, after
17 review and recommendation from the state Workforce Investment Board and in
18 coordination with the Arkansas Transitional Employment Board, will allocate
19 the State General Revenue matching funds and other available welfare-to-work
20 funds, in accordance with welfare-to-work priorities set by the state and in
21 accordance with federal requirements. The Director, will implement an in-
22 depth program evaluation process of welfare-to-work activities and report
23 results to the Workforce Investment Board and the Transitional Employment
24 Board. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1,~~
25 ~~2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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27 SECTION 15. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
28 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
29 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
30 restrictions of the State Purchasing 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.

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1 SECTION 16. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
2 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
3 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
4 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
5 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
7 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
8 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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10 SECTION 17. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
12 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 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 Regular Session, the delay in the effective
16 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
17 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
18 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
19 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
20 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

21 /s/ Joint Budget Committee
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