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A Bill

SENATE BILL 37

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Commerce for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
31	(1) SC002	ACOM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE SE05
32	(2) G329C	CHIEF WORKFORCE OFFICER	1	GRADE SE04
33	(3) N263N	COMMERCE CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE03
34	(4) A152C	ACOM CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
35	(5) D150C	ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT12
36	(6) D128C	TSS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT11



1	(7)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
2	(8)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(9)	N084N ACOM AEDC MRKT & COMMUNICATIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS15
4	(10)	N066N ACOM CHIEF COMM & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIR	1	GRADE GS14
5	(11)	R001N ADH CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
6	(12)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
7	(13)	R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS12
8	(14)	R013C AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
9	(15)	A040C ACOM ADFA FISCAL PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
10	(16)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
11	(17)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
12	(18)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
13	(19)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	3	GRADE GS08
14	(20)	G093C OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
15	(21)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
16	(22)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
17	(23)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
18	(24)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
19		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	27	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,337,577
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	759,481
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	272,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$3,569,058

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3 SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. There is
4 hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Office of Skills
5 Development for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
6 regular employees.

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8 Maximum Annual

9 Maximum Salary Rate

10 Item Class No. of Fiscal Year

11 No. Code Title Employees 2025-2026

12	(1)	U065U	ACOM DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
13	(2)	G010C	ACOM DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
14	(3)	E074C	ACOM PROGRAM COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS10
15	(4)	E073C	APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
16	(5)	E075C	ACOM PROGRAM ADVISOR	3	GRADE GS09
17	(6)	A060C	SENIOR AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS08
18	(7)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
19	(8)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
20			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	13	

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22 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT -
23 ADMINISTRATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
24 of Commerce, to be payable from the Skills Development Fund, for personal
25 services, operating expenses, grants and expenses of the Apprenticeship
26 Program by the Department of Commerce Office of Skills Development -
27 Administration - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
28 following:

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30 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

31 NO. 2025-2026

32	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$870,966
33	(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	290,541
34	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	353,000
36	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	35,000

1	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(04) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	4,500,000
5	(05) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	15,000,000
6	(06) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM	<u>5,111,456</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$26,210,963</u>

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9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT TRAINING

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

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

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

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

14 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$54,061
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,338
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	32,000
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(04) GRANTS TO CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CRAFT	
27	TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>800,000</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$916,399</u>

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30 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL. There is

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

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

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

34 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL	<u>\$5,000</u>

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 4 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY. There is
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 6 Tourism Development Trust Fund, for land acquisition, construction, lease,
 7 equipment acquisition, improvements, renovation, major maintenance, personal
 8 services, maintenance and operating expenses associated with the wine tourism
 9 facility in Franklin County, Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 10 2026, the following:

11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY	
14	EXPENSES	<u>\$1,250,000</u>

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 17 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION. There is
 18 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 19 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 20 personal services and operating expenses, and to expand opportunities
 21 relating to apprenticeship programs registered under the National
 22 Apprenticeship Act through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts and
 23 other arrangements, with states and other appropriate entities by the
 24 Department of Commerce - State Apprenticeship Expansion for the fiscal year
 25 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) STATE APPRENTICE EXPANSION FORMULA	<u>\$1,130,150</u>

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 31 SECTION 9. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
 32 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the
 33 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

34		Maximum Annual
35	Maximum	Salary Rate
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1	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
2	No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
3	(1)	U055U ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE04
4	(2)	U063U ACOM CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
5	(3)	N214N ACOM AEDC EXEC VP GLOBAL BUSINESS	1	GRADE SE01
6	(4)	D029C SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT07
7	(5)	N062N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS DEV DIV DIR	1	GRADE GS15
8	(6)	N061N ACOM AEDC BUSINESS FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
9	(7)	N225N ACOM AEDC EXEC VP & GEN COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS15
10	(8)	N085N ACOM AEDC DIR TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP	1	GRADE GS14
11	(9)	G294C ACOM AEDC SENIOR COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
12	(10)	N059N ACOM AEDC TRAINING DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
13	(11)	B139C ACOM AEDC DIRECTOR OF EPSCOR	2	GRADE GS13
14	(12)	B140C ACOM AEDC MANUFACTURING SOLUTIONS DIR	1	GRADE GS13
15	(13)	N196N MILITARY AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
16	(14)	G034N ACOM AEDC ASST DIR SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE GS12
17	(15)	G245C ACOM AEDC DIR COMMUNITY DEV & IMPROVE	1	GRADE GS12
18	(16)	G014C ACOM AEDC DIR OF COMMUNITY DEV	1	GRADE GS12
19	(17)	B018N ACOM AEDC FIELD ENGINEER	3	GRADE GS12
20	(18)	G035N ACOM AEDC SALES AND MARKETING SPEC	1	GRADE GS12
21	(19)	G273C ACOM AEDC SENIOR PROJECT CONSULTANT	4	GRADE GS12
22	(20)	G015C ACOM AEDC SMALL/MINORITY BUSINESS DIR	1	GRADE GS12
23	(21)	U099U ACOM DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS12
24	(22)	G025C ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
25	(23)	B016C ACOM AEDC ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE GS11
26	(24)	P076C ACOM AEDC DIGITAL MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
27	(25)	G062C ACOM AEDC PROJECT CONSULTANT	30	GRADE GS11
28	(26)	G048C ACOM AEDC STRATEGIC PLAN ASST DIR	1	GRADE GS11
29	(27)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
30	(28)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
31	(29)	R021C BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE GS08
32	(30)	A116C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
33	(31)	G126C FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
34	(32)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
35	(33)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
36	(34)	G159C DEPARTMENT BUSINESS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07

1	(35)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
2	(36)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
3	(37)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
4	(38)	R022C BENEFITS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
5	(39)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
6	(40)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
7	(41)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS04
8		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	85	

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10 SECTION 10. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 11 of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2025-2026
 12 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 13 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 14 herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when
 15 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 16 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 17 appropriate classification.

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19 SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP RURAL SERVICES DIVISION. There is hereby
 20 authorized, for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
 21 Commission Division of Rural Services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 22 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 23 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 24 (1) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 25 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 26 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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28 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas
 30 Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services,
 31 operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the
 32 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State
 33 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,283,320
2	(02)	EXTRA HELP	50,000
3	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,472,164
4	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	1,450,650
6	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
7	(C)	PROF. FEES	1,765,000
8	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
10	(05)	ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
11		GRANTS	877,588
12	(06)	GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	900,000
13	(07)	MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
14	(08)	INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>1,714,800</u>
15		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,405,008</u>

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

18 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 19 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 20 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 21 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance
 22 (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$382,165
27	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	136,675
28	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
31	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	48,261,988
35	(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>7,579,614</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$56,516,042</u>

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SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for addressing long term recovery and restoration of infrastructure, housing and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas of the State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY	<u>\$8,933,441</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects as defined by Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

1 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
 2 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 3 New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of
 4 performance program application fees of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
 5 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
 6 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
10 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$142,266</u>

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 12 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby
 13 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic
 14 Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for incentives to attract
 15 new business and economic development to the State by the Department of
 16 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing
 17 Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21 (01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u>\$75,000,000</u>

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 23 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE
 24 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 25 be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account,
 26 for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division
 27 of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic
 28 Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 29 2026, the following:

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$393,695
34 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	147,361
35 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	0

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(04) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	1,092,653
6	(05) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
7	(06) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
8	(07) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>11,600,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,683,337</u>

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11 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED
 12 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
 13 of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
 14 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in
 15 technology based businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the
 16 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Seed
 17 Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 18 following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,040,000</u>

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24 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 25 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby
 26 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas
 27 Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for grants by the Division of
 28 Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic
 29 Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for
 30 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34	(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u>\$257,182</u>

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36 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -

1 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 2 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the federal
 3 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 4 services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services by the
 5 Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
 6 Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network -
 7 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$763,098
12 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	251,793
13 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	269,550
15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
16 (C) PROF. FEES	0
17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
18 (E) DATA PROC.	0
19 (04) FIELD SERVICES	<u>800,000</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,084,441</u></u>

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 22 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -
 23 ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund
 25 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 26 the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by
 27 the Division of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce -
 28 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension
 29 Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$345,963
34 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	117,821
35 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
2	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
6	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>13,270</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,162,614</u>

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9 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 11 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal
 12 services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce
 13 - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State
 14 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$154,934
19	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
20	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	63,022
21	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
24	(C) PROF. FEES	0
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(05) GRANTS & AID -RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	500,000
28	(06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	<u>900,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,696,094</u>

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31 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.

32 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 33 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 34 Fiscal Officer of the State, for conference expenses of the Rural Services
 35 Division of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
 36 Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

1 following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
5 (01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$150,000</u>

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7 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION -
 8 RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 10 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 11 Officer of the State, for grants and operating expenses for the Fish and
 12 Wildlife Conservation Education Program by the Department of Commerce -
 13 Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 14 2026, the following:

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16 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
18 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
20 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21 (C) PROF. FEES	0
22 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
23 (E) DATA PROC.	0
24 (02) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	
25 EDUCATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>800,000</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$850,000</u>

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28 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS
 29 ENTERPRISE LOAN MOBILIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 30 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 31 payable from the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization
 32 Revolving Fund, for promotion and development of minority and women-owned
 33 business enterprises in the state, increasing the ability of minority and
 34 women-owned business enterprises to compete for state contracts, and
 35 sustaining the economic growth of minority and women-owned businesses for the
 36 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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2 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

3 NO. 2025-2026

4 (01) MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS

5 ENTERPRISE MOBILIZATION LOAN \$500,000

6

7 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

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

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

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

12 and associations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

13

14 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

15 NO. 2025-2026

16 (01) GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES \$5,000,000

17

18 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - EPSCOR

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

20 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Division of Science and

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

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

23 science and engineering in Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,

24 the following:

25

26 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

27 NO. 2025-2026

28 (01) REGULAR SALARIES \$252,663

29 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING 135,519

30 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION

31 (A) OPER. EXPENSE 254,080

32 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 305,735

33 (C) PROF. FEES 447,470

34 (D) CAP. OUTLAY 0

35 (E) DATA PROC. 0

36 (04) GRANTS AND AID - RESEARCH & EDUCATION 5,000,000

1	(05) INDIRECT FACILITIES AND ADMIN	34,502
2	(06) EXTERNAL EVALUATORS	<u>400,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,829,969</u></u>

4

5 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE - PAYROLL

6 REBATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be

7 payable from the Economic Development Incentive Fund for financial incentives

8 to companies locating a new facility or expanding an existing facility with

9 the State of Arkansas for companies that hire and maintain specified levels

10 of employment for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development

11 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

12		
13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
15	(01) GRANTS AND AID - PAYROLL REBATE	<u><u>\$37,500,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE - RECYCLE

19 TAX CREDIT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce -

20 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the Economic

21 Development Incentive Fund to provide recycling tax credits in accordance

22 with Arkansas Code 26-51-506 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

23 following:

24		
25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
27	(01) GRANTS AND AID - RECYCLING TAX CREDITS	<u><u>\$42,000,000</u></u>

28

29 SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND INTELLIGENCE

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

31 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the federal

32 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal

33 services and operating expenses to support the creation of a National Supply

34 Chain Optimization and Intelligence Network (S-COIN) of the Department of

35 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year

36 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,000
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,146
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,335
9	(C) PROF. FEES	37,927
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(04) SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION AND	
12	INTELLIGENCE NETWORK	<u>317,592</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$400,000</u></u>
14		

15 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 17 TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of the
 18 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer may
 19 transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the
 20 State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from
 21 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and
 22 Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, to provide funds for
 23 the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization
 24 appropriation herein.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
 26 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
 36 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

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

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
27 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

28
29 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
31 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby
32 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public
33 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of
34 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, ~~2024~~
8 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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10 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RURAL
12 DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants
13 within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance
14 (CDBG) - Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall
15 allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside
16 from the annual Community Development Block Grant, as defined in AEDC's
17 Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban
18 Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be
19 used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the
20 Consolidated Plan.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
22 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

23

24 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
26 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all
27 applications for grant funds and shall certify those applications eligible
28 for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural Services
29 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, ~~2024~~
4 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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6 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
8 PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving approval
9 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, ~~2024~~
32 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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34 SECTION 40. 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, ~~2024~~
23 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

24
25 SECTION 41. 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, ~~2024~~
4 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

5

6 SECTION 42. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 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, ~~2024~~

1 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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3 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
5 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of
6 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward
7 an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the
8 Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology -
9 State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants
10 which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2026 to be used for the same
11 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 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 ~~2024~~
36 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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2 SECTION 44. 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, ~~2024~~
12 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

13
14 SECTION 45. 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, ~~2024~~
4 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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6 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
8 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, ~~2024~~
32 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

33
34 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
36 OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and in

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

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
11 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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13 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
15 SERVICES.

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

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

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

29 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
30 date of passage through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

31
32 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
34 FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds
35 allocated for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas Economic
36 Development Commission Fund Account which remain at the close of each state

1 fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used
2 for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law. Any carry forward of
3 unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward
4 under the following conditions:

5 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set
6 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
7 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
27 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

28

29 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
31 FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of
32 funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division of
33 Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act which remain at
34 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 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 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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27 SECTION 51. 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.

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1 SECTION 52. 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.
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10 SECTION 53. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.
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