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A Bill

SENATE BILL 8

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, 2027; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027
31	(1) ESE02A	SECRETARY OF COMMERCE	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2) EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(3) EEX12A	CHIEF WORKFORCE OFFICER	1	GRADE EXE02
34	(4) FAC09C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(5) HDH03C	HR ADMINISTRATOR II	1	GRADE SPC08
36	(6) CPR02C	CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS II	1	GRADE SPC07



1	(7)	FAC10C CONTROLLER	2	GRADE SPC06
2	(8)	LAT04P ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
3	(9)	FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SPC03
4	(10)	FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	2	GRADE SPC02
5	(11)	PED03P ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SPC02
6	(12)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	2	GRADE SPC01
7	(13)	PPR03C PROCUREMENT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS10
8	(14)	HDH08P HR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS08
9	(15)	CPR08P PUBLIC INFORMATION SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE SGS08
10	(16)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	2	GRADE SGS07
11	(17)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(18)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS07
13	(19)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
14	(20)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS06
15	(21)	CPR07P PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
16	(22)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
17	(23)	HBE01P BENEFITS ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS04
18	(24)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	12	GRADE SGS04
19	(25)	SRL01P ENFORCEMENT AGENT I	1	GRADE LES03
20	(26)	IIA03C CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER III	1	GRADE IST14
21	(27)	IIS11P IT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE IST09
22	(28)	IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
23	(29)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST02
24	(30)	LAT05P ATTORNEY III	1	GRADE SPC08
25	(31)	HDH04P HR ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS06
26	(32)	IAS07C STATE APPLICATIONS ADMIN	1	GRADE IST11
27	(33)	IUS02P USER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST05
28		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	59	

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30 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is

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

32 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

33 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce -

34 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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36 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

NO.		2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,400,000
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,502,564
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	500,000
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,802,564</u></u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEX01A	AEDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
(2)	PPE04C	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATOR	3	GRADE SPC08
(3)	PED04P	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUPV/EXP	6	GRADE SPC07
(4)	FAC04C	ACCOUNTING MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
(5)	PED02P	ECONOMIC DEVELOP PROJECT CONSULT	11	GRADE SPC06
(6)	LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	1	GRADE SPC05
(7)	PED03P	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	20	GRADE SPC02
(8)	CPR08P	PUBLIC INFORMATION SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE SGS08
(9)	PCO01P	COMMERCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(10)	CME03P	GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE SGS07
(11)	CPR05P	PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(12)	HBE02P	BENEFITS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
(13)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	4	GRADE SGS06
(14)	PAS01P	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	4	GRADE SGS05
(15)	FGM02P	GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
(16)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS04
(17)	PPE11C	RURAL SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC05

1 (18) PC003P COMMERCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST 1 GRADE SGS06
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 68

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 4 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 5 of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the 2026-2027
 6 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 7 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 8 herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time employees, when
 9 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 10 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 11 appropriate classification.

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 13 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 14 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas
 15 Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal services,
 16 operating expenses, grants and aid, and state matching funds of the
 17 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - State
 18 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

20 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
22 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,967,320
23 (02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
24 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,283,186
25 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,450,650
27 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	141,486
28 (C) PROF. FEES	1,765,000
29 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30 (E) DATA PROC.	0
31 (05) ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE/REGIONALISM	
32 GRANTS	877,588
33 (06) GLOBAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES	900,000
34 (07) MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM	750,000
35 (08) INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM	<u>1,714,800</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,900,030</u>

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - 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 and operating expenses of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$382,165
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	136,675
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,600
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG	48,261,988
(05) STORM RECOVERY GRANTS	<u>7,579,614</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$56,516,042</u></u>

SECTION 7. 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY	<u><u>\$8,933,441</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Arkansas

1 Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the
 2 State through technology and knowledge-based development of the Department of
 3 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Arkansas Acceleration
 4 Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
8 (01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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 10 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - SUPER PROJECTS. There is hereby
 11 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic
 12 Development Superprojects Project Fund, for Super Projects as defined by
 13 Amendment 82 to the Arkansas Constitution of the Department of Commerce -
 14 Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Super Projects for the fiscal year
 15 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19 (01) SUPER PROJECTS	<u>\$6,000,000</u>

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 21 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - NEW MARKETS PERFORMANCE PROGRAM. There is
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 23 New Markets Performance Guarantee Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of
 24 performance program application fees of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
 25 Economic Development Commission - New Markets Performance Program for the
 26 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$142,266</u>

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 32 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - QUICK ACTION CLOSING FUND. There is hereby
 33 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the Economic
 34 Development Incentive Quick Action Closing Fund, for incentives to attract
 35 new business and economic development to the State by the Department of
 36 Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Quick Action Closing

1 Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5 (01) QUICK ACTION CLOSING GRANTS	<u>\$75,000,000</u>

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7 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - STATE
 8 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to
 9 be payable from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account,
 10 for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Division
 11 of Science and Technology of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic
 12 Development Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 13 2027, the following:

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$394,495
18 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	147,361
19 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
22 (C) PROF. FEES	0
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (04) GRANTS & AID - ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	1,092,653
26 (05) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
27 (06) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
28 (07) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM	<u>11,600,000</u>
29 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,684,137</u>

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31 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - SEED
 32 CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
 33 of Commerce, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
 34 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in
 35 technology based businesses by the Division of Science and Technology of the
 36 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Seed

1 Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 2 following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6 (01) INVESTMENTS	<u>\$1,040,000</u>

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 8 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - STATE OPERATIONS.

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 10 from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account, for personal
 11 services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Department of Commerce
 12 - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - State
 13 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$154,934
18 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,000
19 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	63,022
20 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	72,038
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,100
23 (C) PROF. FEES	0
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	0
26 (05) GRANTS & AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	500,000
27 (06) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	<u>900,000</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,696,094</u>

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 30 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - CONFERENCE CASH.

31 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable
 32 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 33 Fiscal Officer of the State, for conference expenses of the Rural Services
 34 Division of the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
 35 Commission - Conference Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 36 following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
4	(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$150,000</u>
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6 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION -
 7 RURAL SERVICES - FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM. There is
 8 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce, to be payable from the
 9 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 10 Officer of the State, for grants and operating expenses for the Fish and
 11 Wildlife Conservation Education Program by the Department of Commerce -
 12 Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 13 2027, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
20	(C) PROF. FEES	0
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(02) FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION	
24	EDUCATION GRANTS AND AID	<u>800,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$850,000</u>
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27 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS
 28 ENTERPRISE LOAN MOBILIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 29 Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be
 30 payable from the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization
 31 Revolving Fund, for promotion and development of minority and women-owned
 32 business enterprises in the state, increasing the ability of minority and
 33 women-owned business enterprises to compete for state contracts, and
 34 sustaining the economic growth of minority and women-owned businesses for the
 35 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

3	(01) MINORITY & WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS	
4	ENTERPRISE MOBILIZATION LOAN	<u>\$500,000</u>

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6 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

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

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

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

11 and associations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

15	(01) GRANTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	<u>\$5,000,000</u>
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17 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE - PAYROLL

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

19 payable from the Economic Development Incentive Fund for financial incentives

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

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

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

23 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

27	(01) GRANTS AND AID - PAYROLL REBATE	<u>\$37,500,000</u>
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29 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE - RECYCLE

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

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

32 Development Incentive Fund to provide recycling tax credits in accordance

33 with Arkansas Code 26-51-506 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the

34 following:

36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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NO.	2026-2027
(01) GRANTS AND AID - RECYCLING TAX CREDITS	<u>\$42,000,000</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - ANIMAL RESCUE AND SHELTER GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division, to be payable from the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for grants to a county or municipality based only on the infrastructure needs for animal rescues or animal shelters for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) ANIMAL RESCUE AND SHELTER GRANTS	<u>\$50,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES DIVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Rural Services Division - Community Assistance Grant Program, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for community assistance grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. Upon determination by the Secretary of the Department of Commerce that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or consolidation of administrative functions within or between divisions is necessary for efficient and effective operations of the department, the Secretary, with approval of the Governor and prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, shall have the authority to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, appropriations, programs, and funds between divisions or other budgetary units of the department. The transfers of

1 positions, programs, or activities shall be used for those purposes for which
2 the appropriations were approved by the General Assembly. Upon approval by
3 the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall request to
4 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, programs,
5 funds, appropriations, and/or line-item appropriations within or between
6 existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections and/or units. The
7 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then initiate the necessary transfer
8 documents to reflect transfers upon the fiscal records of the State
9 Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and
10 Divisions of the Commerce Department. Provided, however, that the Secretary
11 shall be limited to submitting no more than two (2) individual transaction
12 transfer requests during any fiscal year.

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

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
30 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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32 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
34 TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of the
35 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer may
36 transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the

1 State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from
2 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and
3 Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, to provide funds for
4 the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization
5 appropriation herein.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
7 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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9 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
11 FORWARD – MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING FUND.
12 Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business
13 Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation which remain at the close of each
14 state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to
15 be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
17 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
21 PROVISION – STATE OPERATIONS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal
22 Officer of the State and prior review by the Legislative Council or Joint
23 Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development
24 Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item
25 appropriation authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act to any
26 other line item authorized in the State Operations Section of this Act.

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

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

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
8 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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10 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FOREIGN
12 OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby
13 authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public
14 companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of
15 operating foreign offices which shall only (i) provide export trade
16 assistance to Arkansas-based businesses, (ii) facilitate the repatriation to
17 Arkansas manufacturing businesses operating overseas, and (iii) encourage
18 direct investment in Arkansas of foreign companies that are not state-owned
19 or controlled. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed restrictive in its
20 language so as to preclude the use of standard Professional Services
21 Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices and/or payment of such
22 contracts from the special line items as established by legislative
23 appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
25 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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

1 Consolidated Plan.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
3 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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5 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
7 REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all
8 applications for grant funds and shall certify those applications eligible
9 for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural Services
10 Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall
11 recommend which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse
12 grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants
13 receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas
14 Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the
15 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and
16 regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds
17 from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition
18 of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing
19 Committee.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
21 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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23 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
25 PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL. After receiving approval
26 from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the
27 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Director of the Arkansas
28 Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation from
29 any line item appropriation authorized in the Community Assistance (CDBG) -
30 Federal Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the
31 Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section of this Act.

32 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
33 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
34 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
35 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
36 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by

1 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
2 has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate
3 more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic
4 Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section.
5 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
6 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or
7 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of
8 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
9 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
10 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
11 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
13 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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

17 FLEXIBILITY RESTRICTIONS. The transfer flexibility provided to the Arkansas
18 Economic Development Commission within this Act relating to the appropriation
19 in the Community Assistance (CDBG) - Federal Section shall be used only when
20 necessary to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and
21 shall require approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget
22 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, ~~2025~~
4 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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6 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Industrial and Economic
9 Development Foundation is hereby authorized to make additional payments to
10 the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, from private
11 funding sources, and upon prior approval from the Arkansas Economic
12 Development Commission, the Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development
13 Foundation, and the Governor. Such additional payments to the Director of
14 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall not be considered salary
15 and shall not be deemed or construed to exceed the maximum salaries
16 established for unclassified employees by the General Assembly. Nothing in
17 this section may be construed to reduce or eliminate the authority granted
18 elsewhere in the Arkansas statute for the payment of allowances or bonuses to
19 unclassified employees.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
21 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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

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

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

32 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
33 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
34 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

35 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
36 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the

1 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
2 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
3 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
4 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
5 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
18 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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20 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
22 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of
23 the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward
24 an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the
25 Technology Development line item in the Division of Science and Technology -
26 State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants
27 which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2026~~ 2027 to be used for the same
28 purpose.

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

31 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
32 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
33 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

34 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
35 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
36 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting

1 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
2 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
3 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
4 written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
17 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
21 APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief
22 Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Economic
23 Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from
24 the Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas
25 Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the Arkansas Economic Development
26 Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all
27 transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
29 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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31 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
33 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish,
34 upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special
35 appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items.
36 When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its

1 operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to
2 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by
3 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
21 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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23 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
25 AWARD CRITERIA. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
26 Development Commission shall promulgate rules establishing the criteria to be
27 utilized in determining to whom grants will be made under this Act. Subject
28 to the approval of the Governor, and approval by the Arkansas Legislative
29 Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the Rural Services Division of the
30 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall distribute the grants.

31 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
32 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
33 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
34 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
35 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
36 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly

1 has determined that the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic
2 Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is
3 provided to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development
4 Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is
5 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
6 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
7 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
8 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
9 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
10 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
11 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
13 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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15 SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
17 OF FUNDS. In the event that revenue is available for transfer to and in
18 support of the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Act, the Executive Director of the
19 Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall certify to the Chief Fiscal
20 Officer of the State the amount needed for transfer from the Arkansas
21 Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration
22 Fund. Upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount
23 certified shall be transferred. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
24 initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect all such transfers upon
25 the fiscal records of the State Auditor, the State Treasurer and the Chief
26 Fiscal Officer of the State.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
28 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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30 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
32 SERVICES.

33 (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a Shared
34 Services paying account on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer
35 of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and
36 operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account Appropriation by the

1 Department of Commerce.

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

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

10 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
11 date of passage through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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13 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
15 FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds
16 allocated for the Military Affairs Grant Program in the Arkansas Economic
17 Development Commission Fund Account which remain at the close of each state
18 fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used
19 for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law. Any carry forward of
20 unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward
21 under the following conditions:

22 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
23 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
24 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

32 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
33 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
34 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
35 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
36 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)

1 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
2 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
3 Committee; and

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

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
8 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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10 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
12 FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of
13 funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division of
14 Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act which remain at
15 the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next
16 state fiscal year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in
17 law.

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

20 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
21 forth its reasons(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
22 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

34 for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty
35 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution
36 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget

1 Committee; and

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

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
6 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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8 SECTION 42. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
14 controllaws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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18 SECTION 43. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
19 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
20 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
21 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
22 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
23 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
24 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 44. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
28 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
29 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

1 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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