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~~INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) may utilize Industry Training Program (ITP) appropriation and funds for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital acquisition, and other appropriate purposes to provide industry-specific training opportunities. AEDC shall submit a quarterly report of industry training activities to the Governor and the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition to training expenses, funds made available to support the appropriation for ITP herein may be used to acquire capital equipment necessary to enhance the capabilities of the Arkansas Industry Training Programs and for expenses necessary to assist in carrying on the Existing Worker Training Program. When not in use in an ITP managed course of training, the equipment purchased under this provision shall be stored at a location to be determined by the Executive Director of AEDC.~~

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FOREIGN OFFICE OPERATIONS. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with private and/or public companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for the purpose of operating foreign offices. Arkansas Code 15-4-210 shall not be deemed restrictive in its language so as to preclude the use of standard Professional Services Contracts for the operation of the foreign offices and/or payment of such contracts from the special line items as established by legislative appropriation for the operation of said foreign offices.

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~~MULTI-USE FACILITIES. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall structure its annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new Five Year Consolidated Plan to reflect the legislative intent for a priority to be placed on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Multi-use facilities that will offer combined facilities for programs commonly offered in separate facilities such as senior centers, public health centers, childcare centers and community centers. AEDC shall report the methodology for complying with this priority to the Legislative Council.~~

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~~PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall make additional efforts to increase non-traditional public participation in its annual update to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and the new Five Year Consolidated Plan. These efforts shall be in addition to current public notification methods. Notification should be considered through direct mail out to mayors and county judges, contacts with planning and development districts, contact with the Department of Rural Services, submissions to grant notification publications, and publication on AEDC's web page. AEDC is encouraged to develop additional innovative public awareness strategies.~~

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT. From the funds appropriated for Community Development Grants within the Community Development Program in this Act for Community Assistance-Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside from the ~~Economic Development Set-Aside annual Community Development Block Grant~~, as defined in AEDC's Consolidated Plan filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds allocated to the Rural Development Set-Aside are to be used exclusively for grants to rural communities as defined in the Consolidated Plan.

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GRANT REVIEW. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all applications for grant funds ~~from the Rural Development Set-Aside~~ and shall certify ~~to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ those applications eligible for grant funds under AEDC and federal guidelines. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission alone shall ~~decide~~ recommend which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside to those applicants receiving final approval by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. AEDC and the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside, and an annual report of the disposition of these grant funds shall be made to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

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TRANSFER PROVISION - FOREIGN OFFICES. If at any time during the fiscal year, the Director determines that market conditions warrant, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is hereby authorized to transfer appropriation, after receiving the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, ~~between~~ among the Foreign Offices in the State Operations Section of this Act for the purpose of responding to changes in the world markets.

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

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TRANSFER PROVISION. If at any time during the fiscal year, savings are accomplished in the appropriation provided for "~~Far East Trade/Industry Recruitment~~" "Global Business Initiatives and "Regular Salaries" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation savings may be transferred to the appropriations made for "Maintenance and General Operations" in the State Operations Section of this Act after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if at any time during the fiscal year, savings are accomplished in the appropriation provided for "Maintenance and General Operations" in the State Operations Section of this Act, such appropriation savings may be transferred to the appropriation for "~~Far East Trade/Industry Recruitment~~" "Global Business Initiatives and in the State Operations Section of this Act, after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided

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

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

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

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

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TRANSFER PROVISION - INDUSTRY TRAINING. If during the fiscal year, the Industry Training Division effects savings in item (06), State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to item (03), Maintenance and General Operations, of the State Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. In addition, if any savings are effected in the fiscal year in item (03), Maintenance and General Operations, of the State Operations Section of this Act, such savings may be transferred to item (06), Industry Training Program, of the State Operations Section of this Act, after obtaining approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Economic Development Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or

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Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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FUNDING TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer from time to time on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) from Federal Funds as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the Technology Acceleration Fund to provide funds for the appropriation herein.

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

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

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

- (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2017~~2018 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
- (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;
- (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

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

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SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to be made available solely for the benefit of the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to provide additional Seed Capital Investments.

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CARRY FORWARD - TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to carry forward an amount of up to \$150,000 of any obligated but unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in Section 16 for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2017~~ 2018 to be used for the same purpose.

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

- (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
- (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;
- (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget

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Committee; and

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

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FUND BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available balances received by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission from Client Services provided through the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal appropriation, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash Fund Account.

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APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the ~~Division of Science and Technology of the~~ Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from the Division of Science and Technology State Operations - Arkansas Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

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GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is authorized to retain and utilize for administrative cost purposes up to one and one half percent (1.5%) of the total amount of any General Improvement Fund moneys received for projects authorized for disbursement through the division by the General Assembly.

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FUND TRANSFER. Upon request of the Director of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from time to time, shall cause to be transferred on his books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State, an amount not to exceed one and one half percent (1.5%) from the various sub funds created in any General Improvement Fund, established for disbursement through the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

The funds transferred to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account from the various sub funds established in any General Improvement Fund pursuant to this section shall be made available and utilized solely by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for maintenance and general operations costs.

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PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish, upon request from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, a special appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Arkansas Economic Development Commission wishes to transfer from its operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Any unexpended balance of funds remaining on June 30, of each fiscal year in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission that were transferred from the various sub funds created in any General Improvement Fund for the administration of general improvement fund projects shall remain in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and made available to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and utilized for the same purpose during the following fiscal year.

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COUNTY FAIR GRANTS. The Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall develop the necessary rules and regulations for the disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for the construction, renovation and/or improvements to county fair grounds. The grants shall be matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county fair shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

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

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

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