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**SECTION#: 48**

**CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-6-107, concerning the assistance programs and grants administered by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts and to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d)(1) The division shall develop rules for the disbursement of matching fund grants to county fairs for the construction, renovation, or improvement of county fairgrounds.

(2)(A) A county fair receiving a grant under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall match the amount of the grant.

(B) The match under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section shall be an in-kind match or a cash match.

(C) A county fair shall not receive more than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the biennium.

~~SPECIAL LANGUAGE — CODE AMENDMENT. — Arkansas Code § 15-6-107, concerning the assistance programs and grants administered by the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts and to add an additional subsection to read as follows:~~

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~~———— (2)(A) A county fair receiving a grant under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall match the amount of the grant.~~

~~———— (B) The match under subdivision (d)(2)(A) of this section shall be an in-kind match or a cash match.~~

~~———— (C) A county fair shall not receive more than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the biennium.~~

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FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. As requested from time to time by the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer may transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State, the sum not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Minority and Women-Owned Business Loan Mobilization Revolving Fund, to provide funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation herein.

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CARRY FORWARD - MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LOAN MOBILIZATION REVOLVING FUND. Any unexpended balance of funds for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Loan Mobilization appropriation 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.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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TRANSFER PROVISION - STATE OPERATIONS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and prior review 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 State Operations Section of this Act to any other line item authorized in the State Operations 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 review of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of review 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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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-50-102 is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

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6-50-102. Training ~~workers in existing industries~~ activities.

(a)~~(1)~~ The role and function of the Arkansas Industry Training Program of the Arkansas Economic Development Council and the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is expanded to authorize the program to provide training of workers in existing industries as well as in new and expanding businesses and industries.

(2) Funds appropriated to the commission for the Arkansas Industry Training Program may be used for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, capital acquisition, and other purposes that provide industry-specific training opportunities.

(b)~~(1)~~ Such training may be for Permissible training under subsection (a) of this section includes without limitation:

~~(1)(A)~~ Upgrading skills and abilities of workers to operate modern, more sophisticated equipment;

~~(2)(B)~~ Providing workers with skills needed for initiating more modern processes and using more sophisticated materials; and

~~(3)(C)~~ Other situations which create a technical-upgrade training need of employees.

(2) The commission shall prepare a quarterly report detailing its training activities and submit that report to the Governor and the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint

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(c) The resources provided shall not be used to address worker training needs caused by turnover and normal attrition.

(d) The commission shall cooperate with the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board in the operation of this program.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-210(a), concerning the operation of a foreign office by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission may engage the services of contract employees to promote the development of:

- (1) Foreign direct investment in the state;
- (2) Increased trade with foreign countries; and
- (3) Improved relations with countries with which the state

currently trades and countries that present future opportunities for enhanced economic development in the state.

(2)(A) The Commission may enter into contractual arrangements with private or public companies, corporations, individuals, or organizations for the purpose of operating foreign offices.

(B) The foreign offices under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section shall only:

(i) Provide export trade assistance to Arkansas-based businesses;

(ii) Facilitate the repatriation to Arkansas of manufacturing businesses operating overseas; and

(iii) Encourage direct investment in Arkansas by foreign companies that are not state-owned or state-controlled.

(3) This section does not preclude the use of standard professional services contracts for the operation of the foreign offices or the payment of professional services contracts from the special line items

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as established by appropriation for the operation of foreign offices.

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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 (CDBG)- Federal, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall allocate at least \$500,000 per fiscal year to the Rural Development Set-Aside from the 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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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-6-106(a), concerning the functions, powers, and duties of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts and to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(12) To have the sole power to recommend grant applications for funding and to provide final approval for the disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside funds; and

(13) To review all applications for grant funds and to certify the applications eligible for grant funds under Arkansas Economic Development Commission guidelines and federal guidelines.

SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-6-106(b) and (c), concerning the duties of the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, are amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

(b)(1) The director may prescribe and issue, pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., such reasonable rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(2) The commission and the division shall promulgate rules governing the application for and disbursement of grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside.

(c) The division shall prepare and submit biennially:

(1) A comprehensive biennial report on January 1 a

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~~comprehensive report~~ concerning the assistance activities undertaken by the division, any recommendations for legislative proposals, data concerning program activities in rural areas, and other pertinent information ~~which~~ that will indicate the activities conducted by the division in the previous biennium; and

(2) An annual report to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee regarding the disposition of the Rural Development Set-Aside funds.

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TRANSFER PROVISION - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (CDBG) - FEDERAL.  
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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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-4-206, concerning the Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts and to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) The Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation may make additional payments, from private funding sources, to the director if the additional payments have received the prior approval of the:

(A) Arkansas Economic Development Commission;

(B) Arkansas Industrial and Economic Development Foundation; and

(C) Governor.

(2) The additional payments under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall not be:

(A) Considered salary; and

(B) Construed to exceed the maximum salaries established by the General Assembly for unclassified employees.

(3) This subsection does not reduce or eliminate any other authority 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, ~~2023~~ 2024 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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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 15-3-116, concerning the deposit of moneys received by the Division of Science and Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts and to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding general revenue year-end fund balances, any moneys received from the repayment of seed capital investments authorized by the division and expensed from the Seed Capital Investments line item from in the Division of Science and Technology - State Operations Section of within this Act shall:

(1) Be deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account; and

(2) Remain in the Arkansas Economic Development Commission 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 the Division of Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2023~~ 2024 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, ~~2023~~ 2024 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

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presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget 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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APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director 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 Arkansas Economic Development Commission Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

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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.

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

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CARRY FORWARD - MILITARY AFFAIRS GRANT PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds allocated for the Military Affairs Grant 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, ~~2023~~ 2024 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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CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAM. Any unexpended balance of funds for the Arkansas Acceleration Fund Program line item in the Division of Science and Technology - State Operations Section of this Act 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, ~~2023~~ 2024 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reasons(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 the 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

AGENCY REQUEST

**2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT**

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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.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.