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SENATE BILL 31

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
Arkansas Science and Technology Authority for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(1)	U063U	ASTA DIRECTOR	1	\$107,553
(2)	N186N	ASTA DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N907
(3)	G033N	ASTA AMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
(4)	N094N	ASTA EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
(5)	B012N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIR. OF ENGINEERING	1	GRADE N903
(6)	G034N	ASTA ASST DIR. SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE N903
(7)	G030N	ASTA ASST DIR. OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE N902



(8)	B018N	ASTA FIELD ENGINEER	7	GRADE N902
(9)	A002N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE N901
(10)	B015N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE N901
(11)	G035N	ASTA SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N901
(12)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
(13)	B016C	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE C126
(14)	P004C	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
(15)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
(16)	G137C	ASTA RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
(17)	G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
(18)	D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
(19)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
(20)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
(21)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
(22)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
(23)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE C112
(24)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	30	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$723,818

(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	232,755
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
(C) PROF. FEES	16,800
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
(06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
(07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
(08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAMS	<u>6,500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,474,157</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in technology based businesses by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Seed Capital Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) INVESTMENTS	<u><u>\$1,900,000</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u><u>\$257,182</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid, and field services of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$281,580
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	84,246
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,284
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ASSIST/OTHER GRANTS & AID	240,000
(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>325,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$941,110</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$579,828
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	177,328

(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	543,200
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	67,360
(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER GRANTS AND AID	<u>13,270</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,455,986</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS EPSCOR - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas EPSCOR - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$197,695
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	60,116
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,518
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,000
(C) PROF. FEES	74,800
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>3,467,686</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,994,815</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS EPSCOR II - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by

the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas EPSCOR II - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,218
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,952
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	34,280
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	133,200
(C) PROF. FEES	55,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>2,909,850</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,150,000</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants and aid by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND OTHER GRANTS AND AID	<u>90,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the State through technology and knowledge-based development of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Acceleration Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u>\$18,700,000</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - STEM EDUCATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - STEM Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,701
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>15,320</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$66,021</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - INNOVATE ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the Arkansas Acceleration Fund, the following:

(A) for a grant or transfer to the Innovate Arkansas Fund for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Innovate Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. 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 Arkansas Science and

Technology Authority, 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 Arkansas Science and Technology Authority to provide additional Seed Capital Investments.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Arkansas Science and Technology Authority 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 3 for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of the fiscal year ~~2015~~ 2016 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, ~~2015~~ 2016 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
- (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, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available balances received by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority from Client Services provided through the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Federal appropriation, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network – Cash Fund Account.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. APPROPRIATION AND FUND TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Director of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from the 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.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 18. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

SECTION 20. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 04/01/2015