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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1984

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AND THE  
ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AND  
THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING CERTAIN  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

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

SECTION 1. Pursuant to authority granted to the General Assembly by Arkansas Constitution, Article 12, § 5(d), Arkansas Constitution, Article 12, § 5(c)(1), concerning the definition of "economic development projects", is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Economic development projects" means the land, buildings, furnishings, equipment, facilities, infrastructure, and improvements that are required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of:

- (A) Manufacturing, production, and industrial facilities;
- (B) Research, technology, and development facilities;
- (C) Recycling facilities;
- (D) Distribution centers;
- (E) Call centers;
- (F) Warehouse facilities;
- (G) Job training facilities; ~~and~~
- (H) Regional or national corporate headquarters

facilities; and



(I) Sports complexes designed to host local, state, regional, and national competitions, including without limitation baseball, softball, and other sports tournaments;

SECTION 2. Pursuant to authority granted to the General Assembly by Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 62, § 2(e), Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 62, § 2(d)(1), concerning the definition of "economic development projects", is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Economic development projects" means the land, buildings, furnishings, equipment, facilities, infrastructure, and improvements that are required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of:

- (A) Manufacturing, production, and industrial facilities;
- (B) Research, technology, and development facilities;
- (C) Recycling facilities;
- (D) Distribution centers;
- (E) Call centers;
- (F) Warehouse facilities;
- (G) Job training facilities; ~~and~~
- (H) Regional or national corporate headquarters

facilities; and

(I) Sports complexes designed to host local, state, regional, and national competitions, including without limitation baseball, softball, and other sports tournaments; and

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-164-303(7), concerning the definition of "economic development projects" in the Local Government Bond Act of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

(7) "Economic development projects" means the land, buildings, furnishings, equipment, facilities, infrastructure, and improvements that are required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of:

- (A) Manufacturing, production, and industrial facilities;
- (B) Research, technology, and development facilities;
- (C) Recycling facilities;
- (D) Distribution centers;
- (E) Call centers;
- (F) Warehouse facilities;

(G) Job training facilities; ~~and~~  
 (H) Regional or national corporate headquarters facilities; and

(I) Sports complexes designed to host local, state, regional, and national competitions, including without limitation baseball, softball, and other sports tournaments;

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 14-174-105(a)(1), concerning the definition of "economic development project", is amended to read as follows:

(1) "Economic development project" means the land, buildings, furnishings, equipment, facilities, infrastructure, and improvements that are required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of:

- (A) Manufacturing, production, and industrial facilities;
- (B) Research, technology, and development facilities;
- (C) Recycling facilities;
- (D) Distribution centers;
- (E) Call centers;
- (F) Warehouse facilities;
- (G) Job training facilities; ~~and~~
- (H) Regional or national corporate headquarters facilities; and

(I) Sports complexes designed to host local, state, regional, and national competitions, including without limitation baseball, softball, and other sports tournaments;

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 14-176-102(3), concerning the definition of "economic development project" in the Local Job Creation, Job Expansion, and Economic Development Act of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Economic development project" means the land, buildings, furnishings, equipment, facilities, infrastructure, and improvements that are required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of:

- (A) Manufacturing, production, and industrial facilities;
- (B) Research, technology, and development facilities;
- (C) Recycling facilities;
- (D) Distribution centers;
- (E) Call centers;

- (F) Warehouse facilities;
- (G) Job training facilities; ~~or~~
- (H) Regional or national corporate headquarters

facilities; and

(I) Sports complexes designed to host local, state, regional, and national competitions, including without limitation baseball, softball, and other sports tournaments;

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