

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 252

By: Senator T. Garner

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE LOCATION OF OFFICES ESTABLISHED OR MAINTAINED BY THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; TO PROHIBIT THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM ESTABLISHING OR MAINTAINING AN OFFICE IN CHINA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROHIBIT THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM ESTABLISHING OR MAINTAINING AN OFFICE IN CHINA.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-4-209(b)(3), concerning the powers given to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) Establish ~~Except as provided in subdivision (b)(3)(B) of this section, establish~~ and maintain international offices, as approved by the Arkansas Economic Development Council, to assist with the export of Arkansas-produced goods and services as well as foreign direct investment, either through the use of contractual employees or by other means.~~+~~

(B) The commission shall not establish or maintain an office in China;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-4-210(b), concerning the foreign operations of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, is amended to



read as follows:

(b)(1) The Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the commission may establish an Arkansas operation in any country approved by the Governor and the Arkansas Economic Development Council.

(2) The commission shall not establish or maintain an office in China.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Closure of existing offices.

If the Arkansas Economic Development Commission has already established or maintains an office in China as of the effective date of this act, the commission shall close and vacate the office immediately upon the effective date of this act.