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SENATE BILL 86

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND  
10 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
11 30, 2015; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND  
15 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY APPROPRIATION FOR  
16 THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
23 Arkansas Science and Technology Authority for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the  
24 following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2014-2015
30	(1) U063U	ASTA DIRECTOR	1	\$106,488
31	(2) G033N	ASTA AMS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
32	(3) N094N	ASTA EPSCOR DIRECTOR	1	GRADE N906
33	(4) B012N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIR. OF ENGINEERING	1	GRADE N903
34	(5) G034N	ASTA ASST DIR. SALES AND MARKETING	1	GRADE N903
35	(6) G030N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIR. OF STEM EDUCATION	1	GRADE N902
36	(7) B018N	ASTA FIELD ENGINEER	7	GRADE N902



1	(8)	G026N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MGMT SVS	1	GRADE N901
2	(9)	A002N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	1	GRADE N901
3	(10)	B015N	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH	1	GRADE N901
4	(11)	G035N	ASTA SALES AND MARKETING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE N901
5	(12)	B016C	ASTA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EPSCOR	1	GRADE C126
6	(13)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
7	(14)	G137C	ASTA RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
8	(15)	G126C	FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
9	(16)	D057C	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER	1	GRADE C120
10	(17)	P013C	PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
11	(18)	D062C	DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE C119
12	(19)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
13	(20)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
14	(21)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
15	(22)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
16	(23)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE C112
17	(24)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C112
18			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	30	

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20 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas  
 21 Science and Technology Authority for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following  
 22 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra  
 23 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2)  
 24 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed  
 25 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 26 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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28 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 29 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable  
 30 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and  
 31 operating expenses of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - State  
 32 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$689,794

1	(02) EXTRA HELP	12,000
2	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	218,032
3	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,703
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	27,800
6	(C) PROF. FEES	16,800
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(05) ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	292,653
10	(06) TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	156,975
11	(07) SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	292,653
12	(08) ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAMS	<u>3,500,000</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,425,410</u></u>

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 15 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENT - CASH. There is  
 16 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be  
 17 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by  
 18 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for investments in technology based  
 19 businesses by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Seed Capital  
 20 Investment - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
24	(01) INVESTMENTS	<u><u>\$1,900,000</u></u>

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 26 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION NETWORK -  
 27 STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology  
 28 Authority, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for  
 29 grants by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas  
 30 Manufacturing Extension Network - State for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 31 2015, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
35	(01) AR MANUFACTURING EXT NETWORK	<u><u>\$257,182</u></u>

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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 and operating expenses of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$608,504
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	177,848
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	124,758
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</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, grants and aid, and field services by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$234,530
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	71,161
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	211,743
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	52,860
(C) PROF. FEES	75,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(04) AR MANUFACTURING NETWORK/TECHNOLOGY	
4	TRANSFER ASSISTANCE/OTHER	
5	GRANTS AND AID	358,771
6	(05) FIELD SERVICES	<u>240,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,244,065</u>

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9 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS EPSCOR - FEDERAL. There is hereby

10 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable

11 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

12 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Science

13 and Technology Authority - Arkansas EPSCOR - Federal for the fiscal year

14 ending June 30, 2015, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
18	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$202,259
19	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	59,157
20	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	497,664
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	81,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	224,400
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	0
26	(04) AR EPSCOR/TECHNOLOGY	
27	DEVELOPMENT/OTHER GRANTS & AID	<u>10,408,584</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,473,064</u>

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30 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY - CASH. There is hereby

31 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable

32 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

33 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses, grants, and aid by the

34 Arkansas Science and Technology Authority - Energy Efficiency - Cash for the

35 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(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 10. 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, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) ACCELERATION GRANTS & INCENTIVES	<u><u>\$18,700,000</u></u>

SECTION 11. 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 appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,388
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	<u>15,042</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$65,430

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3 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SEED  
5 CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary regarding  
6 general revenue year end fund balances, any monies received from the  
7 repayment of Seed Capital Investments authorized by the Arkansas Science and  
8 Technology Authority, shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the  
9 credit of the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account and shall remain in the  
10 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to be made available solely for the  
11 benefit of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority to provide  
12 additional Seed Capital Investments.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~  
14 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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16 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
18 FORWARD – TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. The Arkansas Science and Technology  
19 Authority is authorized to carry forward an amount of up to \$150,000 of any  
20 obligated but unexpended funds in the Technology Development line item in  
21 Section 3 for basic or applied research grants which remains at the end of  
22 the fiscal year ~~2014~~ 2015 to be used for the same purpose.

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

25 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015 the Agency shall by written statement set  
26 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
27 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

28 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall  
29 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the  
30 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting  
31 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or  
32 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name  
33 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the  
34 written request set forth in (1) above;

35 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written  
36 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee

1 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written  
 2 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for  
 3 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)  
 4 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents  
 5 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
 6 Committee; and

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

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 11 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND  
 13 BALANCE TRANSFER. Upon the effective date of this act, the available  
 14 balances received by the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority from  
 15 Client Services provided through the Arkansas Manufacturing Extension Network  
 16 – Federal appropriation, shall be transferred to the Arkansas Manufacturing  
 17 Extension Network – Cash Fund Account.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~  
 19 2014 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2015.

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 21 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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

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 32 SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 33 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 34 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 35 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 36 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary



1 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
2 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
3 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
4 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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6 SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
7 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
8 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
9 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
10 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
11 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
12 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
13 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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15 SECTION 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
16 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
17 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
18 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2014 is essential to the operation of  
19 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
20 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
21 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2014 could work irreparable harm  
22 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
23 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
24 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
25 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2014.