

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

ACT 1035 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1970

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5 By: Representative Dietz  
6 By: Senator Harriman

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ARKANSAS CODE  
10 ANNOTATED §§ 12-9-501 ET SEQ. TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL  
11 CENTER FOR RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD AND TO  
12 TRANSFER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE FROM THE  
13 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK TO THE UNIVERSITY OF  
14 ARKANSAS AS A DIVISION THEREOF; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;  
15 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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18 "TO TRANSFER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
19 INSTITUTE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
20 ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK TO THE  
21 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AS A DIVISION  
22 THEREOF."

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-9-501 is amended to read as  
27 follows:

28 "12-9-501. Legislative determination.

29 ~~It is determined by the General Assembly that the University of Arkansas~~  
30 ~~at Little Rock administers the graduate level criminal justice program and has~~  
31 ~~placed as a top priority the education and training of Arkansas law~~  
32 ~~enforcement, and that the State of Arkansas has no provision for providing~~  
33 ~~education and training for first-line law enforcement supervisors, and there~~  
34 ~~are no plans of doing so in the foreseeable future.~~

35 The Criminal Justice Institute, an educational entity, was created for  
36 the purpose of providing management education and training, technical

1 assistance, practical research and evaluation, a clearinghouse, and computer  
 2 and forensic education and training for Arkansas law enforcement and national  
 3 law enforcement. The initiatives developed by the Criminal Justice Institute  
 4 are applicable on a national level, and this application for conceptualization  
 5 and practice will be through the National center for Rural Law Enforcement.  
 6 The General Assembly recognizes the importance of providing management,  
 7 education and training to law enforcement and, through these initiatives, the  
 8 citizens of the state of Arkansas will be better served. These initiatives  
 9 further the enhancement of the workforce through the developmental process of  
 10 continuing education by which skills are upgraded and capabilities increased.  
 11 This process will assist law enforcement ability to adapt to an ever-changing  
 12 environment."

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-9-502 is amended to read as  
 15 follows:

16 "12-9-502. Administration and approval.

17 (a) ~~The General Assembly hereby designates the Criminal Justice~~  
 18 ~~Institute of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock as the coordinator and~~  
 19 ~~manager of all supervision, management, and executive education and training~~  
 20 ~~for law enforcement officers in the State of Arkansas. The Criminal Justice~~  
 21 Institute of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock has served as the  
 22 coordinator and manager of all supervision, management and executive education  
 23 and training for law enforcement officers in the state of Arkansas. Effective  
 24 July 1, 1997, to accomplish its broader scope and mission, the Criminal  
 25 Justice Institute and its functions, budget, personnel, equipment, all funds,  
 26 and existing contracts and agreements, including those made at the behest of  
 27 the Criminal Justice Institute, shall be transferred in their entirety from  
 28 the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to the University of Arkansas to  
 29 better serve the citizens of the state of Arkansas.

30 (b) In its association with the University of Arkansas as a division  
 31 thereof, the Director of the Criminal Justice Institute shall be appointed by  
 32 and report to the President of the University of Arkansas. The President  
 33 shall seek the advice and counsel from the Criminal Justice Advisory Board in  
 34 the appointment of the Director of the Criminal Justice Institute. In the  
 35 administration of the Criminal Justice Institute, efforts shall be made to  
 36 maintain personnel salary levels at a competitive level to permit recruitment

1 of the best qualified candidates.

2 ~~—— (b) The Criminal Justice Institute shall approve all instructors and~~  
 3 ~~lesson plans, and certify all management training conducted by the Criminal~~  
 4 ~~Justice Institute."~~

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6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-9-503 is amended to read as  
 7 follows:

8 "12-9-503. Criminal Justice Institute Advisory Board.

9 (a)(1) There is hereby established the Criminal Justice Institute  
 10 Advisory Board for Law Enforcement Management Training and Education.

11 (2) The board shall have ~~thirteen (13)~~ sixteen (16) members.

12 (3)(A) It will consist of the following representatives:

13 (i) Two (2) representatives from the Arkansas  
 14 Municipal Police Association;

15 (ii) Two (2) representatives from the Arkansas  
 16 Association of Chiefs of Police;

17 (iii) Two (2) representatives from the Arkansas  
 18 Sheriffs Association; and

19 (iv) Two (2) faculty members or administrators from  
 20 institutions of higher education ~~with accredited criminal justice programs.~~

21 (B)(i) The preceding eight (8) members of the board shall  
 22 be appointed by the Governor.

23 (ii) Terms of the eight (8) association and  
 24 institution representatives shall be four (4) years in length.

25 (C) Other members of the board shall be:

26 (i) The Special Agent in Charge of the Arkansas  
 27 office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or his or her designee;

28 (ii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Sheriffs  
 29 Association;

30 (iii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas  
 31 Association of Chiefs of Police;

32 (iv) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Municipal  
 33 Police Association; ~~and~~

34 (v) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute,  
 35 ~~who must also be a member of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock~~  
 36 ~~faculty, ex officio member.;~~

1                                    (vi) The Director of Legislative and Governmental  
 2 Affairs of the Arkansas State Police Association;

3                                    (vii) A citizen at large nominated by the Director of  
 4 the Criminal Justice Institute; and

5                                    (viii) The President of the University of Arkansas or  
 6 his or her designee.

7                                    (D) Terms of office of the members shall be five (5) years  
 8 in length and the terms shall be staggered so that, insofar as is possible, an  
 9 equal number of members shall rotate each year; provided, however, that terms  
 10 of members who serve by virtue of the office they hold shall run so long as  
 11 the member holds such office.

12                                    (b) There is established the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement  
 13 Advisory Board to address policy issues, provide guidance, and further develop  
 14 national initiatives. The members of the board shall be appointed by the  
 15 Director of the Criminal Justice Institute and approved by the President of  
 16 the University of Arkansas and shall include:

17                                    (1) The President of the University of Arkansas or his or her  
 18 designee;

19                                    (2) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute;

20                                    (3) A member of the Arkansas House of Representatives;

21                                    (4) A member of the Arkansas Senate;

22                                    (5) Two executives with law enforcement experience;

23                                    (6) A national level executive with law enforcement experience;

24                                    (7) A prominent academician; and

25                                    (8) A nationally prominent citizen.

26 ~~———(b)~~(c) (1) The director of the institute shall develop a state plan for  
 27 approval of the board for the delivery of management, education, supervision,  
 28 and training programs, including curriculum, lesson plans, and instructor  
 29 candidates.

30                                    (2) The director shall develop program curricula after consulting  
 31 with other public colleges or universities with law enforcement or criminal  
 32 justice programs, the Federal Bureau of Investigation Training Academy, and  
 33 other organizations deemed necessary and appropriate.

34                                    (3) The director shall certify to the board the identities of  
 35 those institutions and organizations contacted in developing the state plan.

36                                    (4) The board is authorized to promulgate ~~rules and regulations~~

1 policies for the administration of this program, consistent with the purposes  
 2 and requirements of this subchapter in the State of Arkansas.

3 ~~—— (e)(d)(1)~~ The institute's supervision and management programs shall not  
 4 duplicate the degree-granting law enforcement or criminal justice programs at  
 5 the state's public colleges and universities.

6 (2) Prior to providing training within a county where a public  
 7 college or university with a law enforcement or criminal justice program is  
 8 located, the institute shall consult such institution for purposes of  
 9 coordination and cooperation.

10 (e) The Criminal Justice Institute shall have a budget which includes  
 11 the authority, in accordance with existing laws, rules, policies and  
 12 regulations of the State of Arkansas and the Board of Trustees of the  
 13 University of Arkansas for:

14 (1) Creation of satellite learning centers through cooperative  
 15 agreements, affiliations, and matriculation courses with community colleges  
 16 and other institutions of higher education;

17 (2) Receipt of fees for out-of-state participants in seminars and  
 18 courses as cash fund revenues;

19 (3) Purchase and maintenance of an automobile fleet of ten (10)  
 20 vehicles.

21 (f) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute is authorized to  
 22 designate selected staff members who provide instruction to law enforcement  
 23 supervisors and managers with law enforcement standing to assist standards  
 24 credit for Criminal Justice Institute courses taught in other states."

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26 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-9-507 is amended to read as  
 27 follows:

28 "12-9-507. Staffing procedure.

29 ~~—— (a) The University of Arkansas at Little Rock Criminal Justice~~  
 30 ~~Institute is hereby directed to develop an intern and/or staffing procedure~~  
 31 ~~with the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff to ensure that minorities are~~  
 32 ~~adequately represented in the development and staffing of this program.~~

33 ~~—— (b) The Criminal Justice Institute shall submit to the Joint Budget~~  
 34 ~~Committee a yearly report reflecting hiring and participation."~~

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36 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
11 hereby repealed.

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13 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General  
14 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the effectiveness of this act on July  
15 1, 1997, is essential to the efficient transfer of the Criminal Justice  
16 Institute to the University of Arkansas as a division thereof, and that in the  
17 event of an extension of the Regular Session, any delay in the effective date  
18 of this act beyond July 1, 1997, could work irreparable harm upon the proper  
19 administration of the Criminal Justice Institute and provision of its services  
20 to Arkansas law enforcement and national law enforcement. Therefore, an  
21 emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force  
23 and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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26 APPROVED: 4-02-97

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