

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

Act 601 of 2003
SENATE BILL 651

5 By: Senator Faris
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS WHISTLE-BLOWER ACT
9 TO PROTECT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS WHISTLE-BLOWER
13 ACT.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-1-603(a), concerning public employer
21 conduct, is amended to read as follows:

22 (a) A public employer shall not take adverse action against a public
23 employee because the public employee or a person authorized to act on behalf
24 of the employee communicates in good faith the existence of waste of public
25 funds, property, or manpower, ~~excluding~~ including federal funds, property, or
26 manpower administered or controlled by a public employer, or a violation or
27 suspected violation of a law, rule, or regulation adopted under the law of
28 this state or a political subdivision of the state to an appropriate
29 authority. The communication shall be made at a time and in a manner which
30 gives the public employer reasonable notice of need to correct the waste or
31 violation.
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