

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

4 **By: Senators Gordon, Russ, Harriman and Fitch**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS MILK MARKETING STUDY
9 COMMITTEE; TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES
10 OF THE COMMITTEE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to establish the Arkansas Milk
16 Marketing Study Committee to study the current crisis of Arkansas dairy
17 farmers in the national and international markets of dairy products.

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19 SECTION 2. (a) There is hereby created the Arkansas Milk Marketing
20 Study Committee.

21 (b) The Committee shall be comprised of not more than eight (8)
22 members, four (4) members of the Senate and four (4) members of the House of
23 Representatives.

24 (c) (1) The Senate members shall be appointed by the President Pro Temp
25 of the Senate from membership whose districts have constituents involved in
26 the dairy industry of this state.

27 (2) The House members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
28 House from membership whose districts have constituents involved in the dairy
29 industry of this state.

30 (d) The Committee shall be assisted by staff provided by the Bureau of
31 Legislative Research.

32 (e) Members of the Committee shall be entitled to receive per diem and
33 expenses for their attendance at committee meetings at the same rate as
34 members of the General Assembly receive for attendance of Joint Interim
35 Committees.

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2 SECTION 3. (a) The Committee shall have the authority and the
3 responsibility to make a thorough study of national and international
4 marketing of dairy products, an analysis of pricing in those markets, a review
5 of federal programs which result in increases in prices for dairy products and
6 any such other matters as the Committee deems necessary.

7 (b) The Committee shall make appropriate recommendations regarding
8 state or federal actions necessary to relieve the crisis of the dairy farmers
9 of this state.

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11 SECTION 4. The Arkansas Milk Marketing Study Committee shall begin
12 holding meetings within sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the regular
13 session of the 78th General Assembly and shall file a report of its findings
14 and recommendations with the Arkansas Legislative Council and the Joint
15 Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic Development of the Arkansas
16 General Assembly on or before December 31, 1991.

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18 SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall expire on December 31,
19 1991.

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21 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
22 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
23 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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31 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
32 hereby repealed.

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34 SECTION 9. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly
35 that it is essential to the well-being of the people of Arkansas and to the

1 future of the dairy farmers in the State; that it is urgent that a study be
2 made as soon as possible of the current crisis affecting milk producers in
3 this State; that this Act is designed to establish a committee to conduct such
4 a study and to make a report of its findings to the Arkansas Legislative
5 Council and the Joint Interim Committee on Agriculture and Economic
6 Development on or before December 31, 1991 and; that this Act should be given
7 effect immediately to enable the Committee to begin its study and
8 deliberations as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared
9 to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public
10 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its
11 passage and approval.

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