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A Bill

SENATE BILL 419

4 **By: Senators Bookout, Jewell, Canada, Bearden, Edwards, Bradford and Lewellen**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
9 CONSORTIUM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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13 SECTION 1. The title of this act shall be the Arkansas Criminal Justice
14 System Consortium Act of 1991.

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16 SECTION 2. (a) There is hereby created and established a Criminal
17 Justice System Consortium to implement a statewide program to insure
18 educational benefits to convicted low risk offenders in order to facilitate
19 those persons obtaining employment and becoming productive citizens; The
20 Consortium will be based upon The Sentence to Education Project which operated
21 as a pilot in Jefferson County, Arkansas during 1989-90.

22 (b) *The Consortium shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Director*
23 *of the Arkansas Adult Probation Commission and shall consist of twelve (12)*
24 *persons as follows:*

25 (1) One (1) member of the general public appointed by the
26 Governor;

27 (2) One (1) member of the Arkansas Senate to be appointed by the
28 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

29 (3) One (1) member of the Arkansas House of Representatives to be
30 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

31 (4) One (1) *representative* of the Arkansas Adult Probation
32 Commission or *his* appointed representative;

33 (5) One (1) *representative* from the Board of the Arkansas
34 Department of Correction or *his* appointed representative;

35 (6) One (1) representative from the Arkansas Juvenile Court

1 system to be appointed by the Governor;

2 (7) One (1) representative from the Arkansas Municipal Court
3 System to be appointed by the Governor;

4 (8) The Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles or his
5 appointed representative;

6 (9) The Director of the Division of Vocational and Technical
7 Education or his appointed representative;

8 (10) One (1) representative from a private Industry Council
9 established under the Job Training Partnership Act to be appointed by the
10 Governor;

11 (11) The Superintendent of the Adult Education-Sponsoring School
12 District or his appointed representative;

13 (12) The Director of Arkansas Literacy Inc. or his appointed
14 representative.

15 (c) The members of the Board shall serve at the will of the person or
16 organization appointing them, but shall cease to serve if at any time they do
17 not properly represent the group, organization or agency they were chosen
18 from.

19 (d) The Consortium shall elect from its own number a chairman and such
20 other officers as may be necessary to carry on its business.

21 (e) The members of the Consortium shall serve without compensation, but
22 shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses attending meetings of the
23 Consortium and performing official duties.

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25 SECTION 3. (a) *The responsibilities of the Criminal Justice System*
26 *Consortium shall include advisory assistance to the Director of the Arkansas*
27 *Adult Probation Commission in setting goals, planning, policy development,*
28 *monitoring policy decisions to ensure the achievement of goals and objectives,*
29 *and evaluation.*

30 (b) *The Director of the Arkansas Adult Probation Commission shall*
31 *hire a State Project Coordinator. The State Project Coordinator shall be*
32 *responsible for hiring an Assistant State Project Coordinator/Lead Project*
33 *Counselor, four (4) Project Counselors, a Bookkeeper/Office Manager, and a*
34 *Secretary/Receptionist.*

35 (c) *The Consortium shall form a linkage and support*
36 *collaborations with other community organizations, both public and private,*

1 and shall interpret the project to the community. The Arkansas Adult
2 Probation Commission will serve as an applicant agent for federal, state and
3 private funds essential to facilitate the project, will adopt and monitor the
4 program budget, and keep itself informed of project operations and protect the
5 assets of the Consortium.

6 (d) For the purpose of implementing the project statewide, the
7 state will be divided into four (4) regions.

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9 SECTION 4. (a) The Adult Education Centers will provide facilities for
10 staff persons as in-kind contributions to the project.

11 (b) Adult Education Centers participating in special programs
12 will be assisted in making application by the State Project Coordinator. The
13 Centers will be responsible for the administration of the program consistent
14 with the grant agreement approved by the Consortium.

15 (c) The Adult Education Centers shall provide instruction for
16 probationers and parolees.

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18 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
19 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
20 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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31 /s/Bookout et al
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