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2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Flanagin**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1019

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO
9 PROVIDE THAT THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT
10 PRESESSION BUDGET HEARINGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO
14 PROVIDE THAT THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT
15 PRESESSION BUDGET HEARINGS."

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

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 10-3-308(a) is amended to read as follows:

20 "(a) (1) The Joint Budget Committee is authorized to conduct or cause to
21 be conducted budget briefings for members and members-elect of the General
22 Assembly during the pre-session budget hearings conducted by the Joint Budget
23 Committee preceding each regular session of the General Assembly for the
24 purpose of informing interested members and members-elect of the General
25 Assembly concerning budget requests, executive recommendations, and Joint
26 Budget Committee recommendations regarding the budgets for the various state
27 agencies, institutions, departments, and programs.

28 (2) If at any time during the Joint Budget Committee biennial hearings
29 preceding each regular session of the General Assembly it appears that there
30 is not sufficient interest or attendance by members and members-elect of the
31 General Assembly to justify continuation of budget briefings, the co-chairmen
32 of the Joint Budget Committee are authorized to terminate any further
33 briefings during that particular biennial budget session."

35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 10-3-307 is amended to read as follows:

1 "10-3-307. Submission of itemized budgets to Joint Budget Committee.
2 All state agencies, departments, institutions, and offices shall submit
3 to the Joint Budget Committee a budget for their operation in the manner and
4 at the times as requested by the Committee. The Joint Budget Committee shall
5 ascertain the needs of each department of state government and all of its
6 agencies, institutions, and offices; the number of employees required by each
7 of them; and the necessary amount of money from public funds required to carry
8 on the work or functions of any department, agency, institution, and office
9 and shall before each session of the General Assembly prepare and submit to
10 the General Assembly an itemized budget for each department, agency, office,
11 and institution supported by the state government."
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13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 19-4-202 is amended to read as follows:

14 "§19-4-202. Authority of Joint Budget Committee.

15 (a) Meetings. (1) At any time he deems advisable, either Chairman of
16 the Joint Budget Committee shall have the authority to call into meeting the
17 membership of the Joint Budget Committee for consideration of budget matters.

18 (2) For preliminary budget studies, the Joint Budget Committee
19 shall have the authority to call before it the Chief Fiscal Officer, the
20 director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, the Legislative Auditor, and
21 any constitutional officer or administrative head of any state agency for the
22 purpose of making available to the council any information it deems advisable.

23 (3) The Joint Budget Committee shall have the power to visit and
24 inspect any agency for the purpose of obtaining first-hand information as to
25 the condition and needs of the agency and may appoint committees from its
26 membership for the purpose of reporting upon these findings.

27 (b) Budget Estimates. (1) The Joint Budget Committee shall require from
28 the Chief Fiscal Officer, not later than sixty (60) days prior to the
29 convening of the General Assembly, the budget estimates and recommendations
30 prepared by him.

31 (2) From time to time when called upon by the Joint Budget
32 Committee, the Chief Fiscal Officer or his representative shall appear before
33 the Committee or attend meetings of the Committee when required to do so for
34 the purpose of preparing or submitting additional information on budget
35 matters.

1 (c) *Assisting Governor-Elect. (1) It shall be the duty and*
2 *responsibility of the Chief Fiscal Officer and any administrative head of any*
3 *agency, when requested to do so, to lend any reasonable aid, assistance, or*
4 *personnel and to supply any reports or information when required to the*
5 *Governor-elect for the purpose of assisting him in the preparation of his*
6 *budget recommendations to be submitted to the Joint Budget Committee.*

7 (2) *The Joint Budget Committee shall call upon the Governor-elect*
8 *or any newly elected constitutional officer, or their designated*
9 *representatives, for the purpose of submitting any final recommendations or*
10 *modifications of the proposed budget requests.*

11 (d) *Recommendations. (1) The Joint Budget Committee, acting upon the*
12 *facts submitted to it and from such other studies and hearings as the*
13 *Committee shall deem advisable, shall proceed to modify, revise, approve, or*
14 *disallow the budget requests. The Joint Budget Committee shall make its*
15 *recommendations with respect to the approved items of the budget and publish*
16 *them in a report to be made available to every member of the General Assembly*
17 *when it convenes in regular session.*

18 (2) *The Joint Budget Committee shall have the authority, in*
19 *recommending the proposed state budget to the General Assembly, to recommend*
20 *the form of the appropriation bills to be submitted and may draw or cause to*
21 *be drawn the bills conforming to these recommendations for presentation to the*
22 *General Assembly."*

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24 SECTION 4. *All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature*
25 *are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code*
26 *Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.*

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28 SECTION 5. *If any provision of this act or the application thereof to*
29 *any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect*
30 *other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without*
31 *the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this*
32 *act are declared to be severable.*

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34 SECTION 6. *All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are*
35 *hereby repealed.*

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/s/Pat Flanagin