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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: *Joint Budget Committee***

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1793

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE UTILIZATION OF AN APPROPRIATION
9 TO THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND THE ARKANSAS
10 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING
11 EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENSES DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE AD HOC
12 JOINT COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENT 73 IMPLEMENTATION TO CARRY
13 OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

17 "AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND THE
18 ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROPRIATION."

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

22 *SECTION 1. There is hereby created the "Ad Hoc Joint Committee on*
23 *Amendment 73 Implementation" to be composed of up to twelve members of the*
24 *House of Representatives and up to twelve members of the Arkansas Senate. The*
25 *members of the House of Representatives shall be selected by the Speaker of*
26 *the House, at least two of which are serving their first term and at least two*
27 *of which are serving their second term. The members of the Arkansas Senate*
28 *shall be selected by the Senate Committee on Committees, at least two of which*
29 *are serving their first term and at least two of which are serving their*
30 *second term. The House of Representative members of the committee and the*
31 *Senate members of the committee shall elect a co-chair from their respective*
32 *bodies.*

33 *The members of the committee shall be entitled to per diem and mileage*
34 *at the same rates as are provided for the members of the joint interim*
35 *committees and such per diem and mileage shall be paid from funds appropriated*

1 for paying per diem and mileage of members of the joint interim committees.

2 The committee is eligible to receive funds for consultant services and
3 other expenses from the Joint Interim Committee Study Expense appropriation
4 under the same restrictions and procedures as joint interim committees. Staff
5 assistance to the committee is to be provided by the Bureau of Legislative
6 Research as approved by the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Legislative
7 Council.

8 The committee shall conduct a study to determine any rule or statutory
9 changes that might be necessary or desirable in order to implement Amendment
10 73 of the Arkansas Constitution. The committee shall report its
11 recommendations to the House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate on or
12 before January 1, 1995.

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14 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
15 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
17 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
20 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
21 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
26 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
27 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 4. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
34 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
35 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

SECTION 6. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

/s/John E. Miller

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