

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1497

5 By: Representative Jeffrey
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT ALLOW A SET OFF AGAINST TAX REFUNDS ANY
10 PAST DUE RENT OWED TO A HOUSING AUTHORITY CREATED
11 UNDER CHAPTER 169 OF TITLE 14; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO ALLOW A SET OFF AGAINST TAX REFUNDS
15 ANY PAST DUE RENT OWED TO A HOUSING
16 AUTHORITY CREATED UNDER CHAPTER 169 OF
17 TITLE 14.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-36-301 is amended to read as follows:
24 26-36-301. Purposes.

25 (a) The purpose of this subchapter is to establish as policy that all
26 claimant agencies and the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and
27 Administration shall cooperate in identifying debtors who owe money to the
28 state, or past due rent to a housing authority created under Chapter 169 of
29 Title 14, through its various claimant agencies and who qualify for refunds
30 from the division.

31 (b) It is also the intent of this subchapter that procedures be
32 established for setting off against any such refund the sum of any debt owed
33 to the state or past due rent to a housing authority created under Chapter
34 169 of Title 14.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-36-303(1), concerning the definition



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1 agencies which may collect debt by setting off against state tax refunds, is
2 amended to read as follows:.

3 (1) "Claimant agencies" means:

4 (A) State-supported colleges, universities, and technical
5 institutes;

6 (B) The Department of Human Services;

7 (C) The Arkansas Student Loan Authority;

8 (D) The Student Loan Guarantee Foundation;

9 (E) The Auditor of State;

10 (F) The Department of Higher Education;

11 (G) The Office of Child Support Enforcement of the Revenue
12 Division of the Department of Finance and Administration; ~~and~~

13 (H) Arkansas circuit, juvenile, and chancery courts; and

14 (I) Housing authorities created under Chapter 169 of Title
15 14;

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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 26-36-303(6), concerning the definition of
18 setoff for purposes of the law allowing certain agencies to collect debt by
19 setting off against state tax refunds, is amended to read as follows:

20 (6) "Setoff" means the withholding of part or all of income tax
21 refunds due individuals who owe debts to the State of Arkansas or are in
22 default on rent due to a housing authority created under Chapter 169 of Title
23 14.