

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1742

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6 Mahony

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE HOUSE AND SENATE
11 COMMITTEES ON STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL
12 AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY AND
13 DESIRABILITY OF REORGANIZING STATE GOVERNMENT IN
14 ORDER TO FACILITATE AN INCREASE IN EFFICIENCY AND
15 REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; AND FOR OTHER
16 PURPOSES.

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

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29 SECTION 1. (a) The House Interim Committee on State Agencies and
30 Governmental Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on State Agencies and
31 Governmental Affairs, or the House Standing Committee on State Agencies and
32 Governmental Affairs and the Senate Standing Committee on State Agencies and
33 Governmental Affairs, if the General Assembly is in session, shall jointly
34 conduct a study of the feasibility and desirability of reorganizing state
35 government in order to facilitate an increase in efficiency and a reduction
36 of administrative costs.



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1 (b)(1) If funds are available, the Director of the Bureau of
 2 Legislative Research shall, on behalf of the committees and in consultation
 3 with the chairs of the standing committees while in session or the interim
 4 committees if between sessions, issue a request for proposals from
 5 contractors for conducting the study.

6 (2) The director shall present the qualified bidders to the
 7 committees and the committees shall select the successful contractor to
 8 perform the efficiency study by a majority vote of each committee.

9 (c) During the course of the study, the committees shall seek the
 10 advice of the Governor, the department heads of the various state agencies,
 11 and the chairs of the House and Senate interim committees.

12 (d) The efficiency study shall be completed by October 31, 2003.

13 (e) The committees shall prepare proposed legislation based on the
 14 study and present the same to the Legislative Council by January 1, 2004.

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 16 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 17 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is a need to increase
 18 revenue to address the crisis in public education and the overall budget
 19 shortfall in the state; that the reorganization of state government should
 20 result in a substantial reduction in administrative costs; and that this act
 21 will provide the mechanism for an effective study and produce the data
 22 necessary for drafting proposed legislation which, if enacted, will result in
 23 additional revenue so critical to the proper funding of public education and
 24 other essential government services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
 25 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
 26 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

27 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

28 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 29 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 30 bill; or

31 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 32 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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