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A Bill

SENATE BILL 792

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING PROGRAM EXPENDITURE REPORTING
UNDER THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS ACT;
AMENDING A PORTION OF ARKANSAS LAW RESULTING FROM
INITIATED ACT 1 OF 2000; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING PROGRAM EXPENDITURE REPORTING
UNDER THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS
ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-12-117(g), concerning biennial reports concerning program expenditures under the Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act and resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

~~(g)(1)(A) The commission is authorized to hire an independent third party with appropriate experience in health, preventive resources, health statistics, and evaluation expertise to perform monitoring and evaluation of program expenditures made from the program accounts pursuant to this chapter. Such monitoring and evaluation shall be performed in accordance with § 19-12-118, and the third party retained to perform such services shall prepare a biennial report to be delivered to the General Assembly and the Governor by each August 1 preceding a general session of the General Assembly. The report shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the commission as to the continued funding for each program.~~ By each August 1 preceding a regular session of the General Assembly, the commission shall provide to the General Assembly and the governor a biennial report regarding the monitoring and



1 evaluation of programs required by § 19-12-118.

2 (B) The report shall be accompanied by a recommendation
3 from the commission as to the continued funding for each program.

4 (2) The biennial report under subdivision (g)(1) of this section
5 shall be prepared by:

6 (A) The commission; or

7 (B) An independent third party with appropriate experience
8 in health, preventive resources, health statistics, and evaluation expertise
9 to perform monitoring and evaluation of program expenditures made from the
10 program accounts under this chapter.