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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT ADVISORY BOARD; TO AMEND  
10 THE LAW CONCERNING THE DISBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN  
11 FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-1-111 is amended to read as follows:  
25 25-1-111. Designation.

26 (a) The Governor shall have the authority to designate the state  
27 agency responsible for the administration and disbursement of funds received  
28 by the State of Arkansas under the Victims of Crime Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 10601 –  
29 10605, the STOP Violence Against Women Act, 42 U.S.C. § 13701, and the Family  
30 Violence Prevention and Services Act, 42 U.S.C. § 10401 et seq., in the  
31 manner authorized by federal law.

32 (b) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section  
33 shall not disburse Victims of Crime Act, STOP Violence Against Women Act, or  
34 Family Violence Prevention and Services Act funds without providing an  
35 opportunity for subgrantee qualification selection assistance and  
36 programmatic support by the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence



1 Commission and ~~other advisory bodies established to assist potential~~  
 2 ~~beneficiaries of those funds~~ the Grant Advisory Board.

3 (c)(1) The Grant Advisory Board is established under this section to  
 4 assist potential beneficiaries of Victims of Crime Act, STOP Violence Against  
 5 Women Act, or Family Violence Prevention and Services Act funds by:

6 (A)(i) Providing review and advice concerning grant  
 7 processes and grant funding;

8 (ii) If a member of the board has a financial  
 9 interest in an organization seeking grant funding under subdivision  
 10 (c)(1)(A)(i), the member may participate in discussion regarding the award of  
 11 the grant, but the member shall not vote on the matter.

12 (B) Hearing grievances from the beneficiaries of those  
 13 funds; and

14 (C) Within federal guidelines, requiring and recommending  
 15 revisions to existing and proposed rules promulgated by the state agency  
 16 designated by the Governor under this section concerning Victims of Crime  
 17 Act, STOP Violence Against Women Act, or Family Violence Prevention and  
 18 Services Act funds and any applicable policies and procedures.

19 (2) The Grant Advisory Board shall consist of:

20 (A) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas  
 21 Coalition Against Sexual Assault;

22 (B) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas  
 23 Coalition Against Domestic Violence;

24 (C) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas Court  
 25 Appointed Special Advocate Association;

26 (D) Two (2) representatives selected by the Prosecution  
 27 Coordination Commission;

28 (E) One (1) representative selected by the Criminal  
 29 Justice Institute Advisory Board; and

30 (F) One (1) representative each from any other advisory  
 31 body determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency, including  
 32 without limitation, the elderly, non-English-speaking residents, disabled  
 33 persons, members of racial or ethnic minorities, and residents of rural or  
 34 remote areas.

35 ~~(e)~~(d) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section  
 36 shall not disburse Victims of Crime Act funds without providing an

1 opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant processes and grant  
 2 funding by the Grant Advisory Board.+

3 ~~(1) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas Coalition~~  
 4 ~~Against Sexual Assault;~~

5 ~~(2) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas Coalition~~  
 6 ~~Against Domestic Violence;~~

7 ~~(3) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas Court~~  
 8 ~~Appointed Special Advocate Association;~~

9 ~~(4) Two (2) representatives selected by the Prosecution~~  
 10 ~~Coordination Commission;~~

11 ~~(5) One (1) representative selected by the Criminal Justice~~  
 12 ~~Institute Advisory Board; and~~

13 ~~(6) One (1) representative each from any other advisory body~~  
 14 ~~determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency, including, but~~  
 15 ~~not limited to, the elderly, non-English-speaking residents, disabled~~  
 16 ~~persons, members of racial or ethnic minorities, and residents of rural or~~  
 17 ~~remote areas.~~

18 ~~(d)(1)(e)(1)~~ The state agency designated by the Governor under this  
 19 section shall not disburse funds under the law enforcement, prosecution, and  
 20 judiciary percentages of the STOP Violence Against Women Act, 42 U.S.C. §  
 21 13701, without providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning  
 22 grant processes and grant funding by the Grant Advisory Board.+

23 ~~(A) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas~~  
 24 ~~Coalition Against Sexual Assault;~~

25 ~~(B) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas~~  
 26 ~~Coalition Against Domestic Violence;~~

27 ~~(C) One (1) representative selected by the Criminal~~  
 28 ~~Justice Institute Advisory Board;~~

29 ~~(D) The Prosecution Coordination Commission; and~~

30 ~~(E) One (1) representative each from any other advisory~~  
 31 ~~body determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency,~~  
 32 ~~including, but not limited to, the elderly, non-English-speaking residents,~~  
 33 ~~disabled persons, members of racial or ethnic minorities, and residents of~~  
 34 ~~rural or remote areas.~~

35 (2) The state agency designated by the Governor under this  
 36 section shall not disburse funds under the victims services and discretionary

1 percentages of the STOP Violence Against Women Act, 42 U.S.C. § 13701,  
 2 without providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant  
 3 processes and grant funding by the Grant Advisory Board.+

4 ~~(A) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas  
 5 Coalition Against Sexual Assault;~~

6 ~~(B) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas  
 7 Coalition Against Domestic Violence;~~

8 ~~(C) Two (2) representatives selected by the Prosecution  
 9 Coordination Commission;~~

10 ~~(D) One (1) representative selected by the Criminal  
 11 Justice Institute Advisory Board; and~~

12 ~~(E) One (1) representative each from any other advisory  
 13 body determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency,  
 14 including, but not limited to, the elderly, non-English-speaking residents,  
 15 disabled persons, members of racial or ethnic minorities, and residents of  
 16 rural or remote areas.~~

17 ~~(e)(f)~~ The state agency designated by the Governor under this section  
 18 shall not disburse Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, 42 U.S.C. §  
 19 10401 et seq., funds without providing an opportunity for review of and  
 20 advice concerning grant processes and grant funding by the Grant Advisory  
 21 Board.+

22 ~~(1) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas Coalition  
 23 Against Sexual Assault;~~

24 ~~(2) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas Coalition  
 25 Against Domestic Violence;~~

26 ~~(3) One (1) representative selected by the Prosecution  
 27 Coordination Commission;~~

28 ~~(4) One (1) representative selected by the Criminal Justice  
 29 Institute Advisory Board;~~

30 ~~(5) One (1) representative selected by the Arkansas Court  
 31 Appointed Special Advocate Association; and~~

32 ~~(6) One (1) representative each from any other advisory body  
 33 determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency, including, but  
 34 not limited to, the elderly, non-English-speaking residents, disabled  
 35 persons, members of racial or ethnic minorities, and residents of rural or  
 36 remote areas.~~

1            ~~(f)~~(g) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section  
2 shall, subject to the review and recommendations of the Grant Advisory Board,  
3 promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~ consistent with federal law setting forth  
4 the policies and procedures for the administration and disbursement of  
5 Victims of Crime Act, STOP Violence Against Women Act, and Family Violence  
6 Prevention and Services Act funds, including policies and procedures for the  
7 participation and assistance of advisory bodies established to assist  
8 potential beneficiaries of those funds.

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