

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1915**

**Bill Subtitle: REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OR UTILIZATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND TO STUDY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE ARKANSAS CASINO GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018.**

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### Basic Change :

#### **Sponsors:**

**Reps. V. Flowers, Beck, Bentley, M. Berry, S. Berry, Boyd, Bragg, Bryant, Christiansen, Cloud, Clowney, A. Collins, C. Cooper, Crawford, Deffenbaugh, Eaves, Ennett, Eubanks, D. Ferguson, L. Fite, D. Garner, Godfrey, Gonzales, M. Gray, Haak, Hillman, M. Hodges, Holcomb, Hollowell, Hudson, Jean, Jett, Ladyman, Love, Lowery, Lundstrum, Lynch, Maddox, J. Mayberry, McCollum, McCullough, McKenzie, Murdock, Perry, Richardson, Scott, Slape, Springer, Tollett, Tosh, Vaught, Womack, and Wooten**

**Sens. B. Davis, Bledsoe, Caldwell, L. Eads, Elliott, Flippo, Hester, M. Johnson, G. Leding, Rapert, G. Stubblefield, J. Sturch, and C. Tucker**

HB1915 authorizes the Legislative Council to create a subcommittee to provide advice on and study all matters related to the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment § 100 (The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018). The subcommittee may provide advice on and study all matters pertaining to:

- The licensing and operation of casinos;
- The taxation and distribution of casino gaming proceeds;
- Rules promulgated by the Arkansas Racing Commission, the Department of Finance and Administration, and any other state agency involved with Amendment § 100;
- Proposed contracts of \$25,000 or more to implement, administer, or enforce Amendment § 100; and
- Other matters deemed necessary by the subcommittee.

HB1915 provides that if a matter is referred to the subcommittee that would otherwise require review or approval, or both, the subcommittee will be responsible for that approval. This language indicates that HB1915 gives the subcommittee oversight powers but does not grant any review or approval other than what already exists in law.

HB1915 permits the subcommittee to perform a biennial study of the direct and indirect impact that casino gaming may have on "socioeconomic indicators in the state," including gambling addiction, bankruptcy, home foreclosures, divorce, and any other factors identified by the Legislative Council.

HB1915 clarifies that rulemaking will be forwarded to the subcommittee for review and recommendation purposes only. Additionally, HB1915 provides that during a regular, fiscal, or extraordinary session, the Joint Budget Committee will perform the functions of the subcommittee.

### Revenue Impact :

None.

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**Taxpayer Impact :**

None

**Resources Required :**

None.

**Time Required :**

None.

**Procedural Changes :**

None.

**Other Comments :**

None.

**Legal Analysis :**

None.