

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
93rd General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2022  
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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 107**

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15 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
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 36 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

1 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
2 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
3 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
4 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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6 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
7 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) created a  
8 backlog in the criminal justice system and has put undue stress on the  
9 state's public defenders. There is a need to hire public defenders in a  
10 extra help capacity in order to help reduce the backlog in criminal cases  
11 that currently exists throughout the state. Therefore, an emergency is  
12 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
14 on:

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

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

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