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A Bill

SENATE BILL 337

5 By: Senator Caldwell
6 By: Representative Wooldridge
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT REGARDING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; TO
10 AUTHORIZE A PENALTY FOR THREATENING A STATE EMPLOYEE
11 IN THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER JOB DUTIES; TO AUTHORIZE
12 A PENALTY FOR ALERTING AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY OF A
13 STATE INVESTIGATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO AUTHORIZE A PENALTY FOR THREATENING A
18 STATE EMPLOYEE IN THE COURSE OF HIS OR
19 HER JOB DUTIES; AND TO AUTHORIZE A
20 PENALTY FOR ALERTING AN INDIVIDUAL OR
21 ENTITY OF A STATE INVESTIGATION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 21-1-107. Penalties for certain actions by or against state employee.

29 (a)(1) If an individual threatens physical injury or property damage
30 to a state employee while the state employee is acting in the course of his
31 or her job duties and knows, or should know, that the person is a state
32 employee, the individual, upon conviction, is guilty of an unclassified
33 misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)
34 or imprisonment up to six (6) months, or both.

35 (2) Upon a second and subsequent conviction under this
36 subsection, the individual is guilty of a Class D felony.



1 (b)(1) If for a purpose other than a legitimate investigatory need a
2 state employee alerts an individual or entity to an investigation by a state
3 agency of the individual or entity, the state employee, upon conviction, is
4 guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to ten
5 thousand dollars (\$10,000) or imprisonment up to six (6) months, or both.

6 (2)(A) Upon a second and subsequent conviction under this
7 subsection, the state employee is guilty of a Class D felony.

8 (B) A state employee convicted under subdivision (b)(2)(A)
9 of this section shall be dismissed from public employment.

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