

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Beatty**

A Bill ACT 925 OF 1991

HOUSE BILL 1934

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 87 OF TITLE 16 ARKANSAS CODE
9 ANNOTATED TO ADD A NEW SECTION REGARDING PUBLIC DEFENDER
10 PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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14 SECTION 1. Chapter 87 of Title 16 Arkansas Code Annotated is amended by
15 adding the following new section:

16 "16-87-112. State wide judicial district programs.

17 (a) There is a need to create effective state wide Public Defender
18 Programs at the judicial district of county level.

19 (b) Those districts or counties operating a public defender office
20 under a separate act or provision of the code may establish a Public Defender
21 Commission for their county or district and may exercise all authority granted
22 herein not in conflict with their particular act or code provisions in the
23 preceding Sections 101 through 111.

24 (c) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall standardize a
25 reporting procedure to collect information from the judicial districts or
26 counties to aid in evaluation and administrative assistance to the Public
27 Defender Programs created under this or other provisions of the code."

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29 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
30 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
31 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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33 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
36 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
4 hereby repealed.

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