

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Representatives Vess and Dietz**

# **A Bill**

**ACT 1221 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 2079**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE  
9 PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR  
10 CASH ACCOUNTS IN PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS\_ OFFICES; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

## **Subtitle**

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15 TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION  
16 COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE CASH ACCOUNTS  
17 IN PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS\_ OFFICES."

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

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21 SECTION 1. In those offices where the prosecuting attorney is desirous  
22 of paying for the victim/witness program from more than one (1) county or  
23 fund, the prosecuting attorney may establish a cash account. Notice of such  
24 shall be sent by the prosecuting attorney to the applicable county  
25 treasurer(s). Each month the county treasurer(s) shall pay to the office of  
26 the prosecuting attorney those funds collected pursuant to A.C.A. § 16-21-106  
27 in the special revenue account entitled "Prosecutor\_s Victim/Witness Fund" or,  
28 *if created by the legislature in 1995, the portion of the County*  
29 *Administration of Justice Fund allotted to the prosecuting attorney's victim-*  
30 *witness program fund.* The prosecuting attorney shall deposit the funds in a  
31 bank account entitled "Prosecutor\_s Victim/Witness Fund". Monies deposited  
32 into the fund shall be used exclusively to pay the costs of the prosecuting  
33 attorney\_s victim/witness program. Expenditures and deposits must be made  
34 according to the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Financial Management  
35 Guidelines as published by Legislative Audit in conjunction with the Arkansas  
36 Prosecution Coordination Commission.

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2           SECTION 2. In addition to existing duties, the Prosecution Coordination  
3 Commission may: (1) administer and disburse federal funds, grants, donations,  
4 and funds from public and private sources to carry out its responsibilities;  
5 (2) educate professionals, law enforcement, judges, state agencies, victim  
6 services providers on the role of the prosecuting attorneys association, the  
7 impact of crime on victims, prosecutor victim advocacy services; (3) maintain  
8 information on criminal justice information systems for prosecuting attorneys  
9 and victim services; (4) advise the governor and the legislature as to the  
10 long- and short-range goals and needs concerning crime rates, the criminal  
11 justice system and its impact on the victims of crime; (5) provide support,  
12 coordination, education, and technical assistance on issues of concern to  
13 prosecuting attorneys and crime victim service providers; (6) provide support,  
14 coordination, technical assistance, and training in accounting, programmatic,  
15 and service delivery to subgrantees; (7) establish peer review panels in the  
16 course of the award and administration of grants; and (8) approve the  
17 expenditure of funds from the Law Enforcement and Prosecution Drug Education  
18 Training Fund.

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20           SECTION 3. Peer review of the Prosecution and Law Enforcement Block  
21 grants of the Violence Against Women Act. The Prosecution Coordination  
22 Commission, in conjunction with two representatives from the Arkansas  
23 Coalition Against Violence to Women and Children and one representative from  
24 the sexual assault victim providers, shall conduct the peer review process of  
25 the subgrant application for the prosecution percentage of the Prosecution and  
26 Law Enforcement Block grants of the Violence Against Women Act. The  
27 non-prosecution and law enforcement percentage shall be reviewed by nine (9)  
28 panelists, selected each federal grant year to be determined as follows: Each  
29 of the four regions of the Arkansas Coalition Against Violence to Women and  
30 Children shall select one (1) individual to serve as a review panelist. The  
31 Executive Director of the Coalition Against Violence to Women and Children  
32 shall also serve as a panelist. All of the nonprofit rape crisis centers in  
33 the state shall hold a meeting annually and select two (2) representatives to  
34 serve on the peer review. The Prosecutor Coordination Commission shall select  
35 a representative and the Criminal Justice Institute Advisory Board shall

1 select one (1) representative. The twenty-five percent (25%) designated to  
2 law enforcement shall be reviewed by the Advisory Board of the Criminal  
3 Justice Institute, and one (1) representative for the Prosecution Coordination  
4 Commission, and two (2) representatives from the Coalition and one (1) from  
5 the sexual assault service providers.

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7 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
8 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
9 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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11 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
18 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. Vess, et al*

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