

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 926

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CONFORM THE LIST OF INTERIM COMMITTEES  
10 TO THE LISTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE  
11 OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO CONFORM THE LIST OF INTERIM  
16 COMMITTEES TO THE LISTS OF STANDING  
17 COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-203(3), concerning interim committees  
24 of the General Assembly, is amended to read as follows:

25 ~~(3)(A) The following ten (10) subject matter interim committees~~  
26 ~~of each house of the General Assembly, with the House of Representatives~~  
27 ~~committees to each consist of the twenty (20) members of the House of~~  
28 ~~Representatives and the Senate committees to each consist of the seven (7)~~  
29 ~~members of the Senate, who compose the respective standing committees of the~~  
30 ~~House and Senate having comparable subject matter jurisdiction, plus such~~  
31 ~~other nonvoting members as may be selected pursuant to the Rules of the House~~  
32 ~~of Representatives and the Senate, who shall be entitled to per diem and~~  
33 ~~mileage for attending meetings of the committees:~~

34 ~~(i) Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.~~  
35 ~~This committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to public~~



1 health, mental health, mental retardation, public welfare, human relations  
 2 and resources, environmental affairs, water and air pollution, labor and  
 3 labor relations, and similar legislation;

4                   (ii) ~~Committee on Public Transportation. This~~  
 5 ~~committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to roads and~~  
 6 ~~highways, city streets, county roads, highway safety, airports and air~~  
 7 ~~transportation, common and contract carriers, mass transit, and similar~~  
 8 ~~legislation;~~

9                   (iii) ~~Committee on Revenue and Taxation. This~~  
 10 ~~committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to the levy,~~  
 11 ~~increase, reduction, collection, enforcement, and administration of taxes and~~  
 12 ~~other revenue producing measures;~~

13                   (iv) ~~Committee on Education. This committee shall~~  
 14 ~~have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to public kindergarten, elementary~~  
 15 ~~and secondary education, adult education, vocational education, vocational-~~  
 16 ~~technical schools, vocational rehabilitation, higher education, private~~  
 17 ~~educational institutions, and similar legislation;~~

18                   (v) ~~Committee on Judiciary. This committee shall~~  
 19 ~~have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to state and local courts, court~~  
 20 ~~clerks and stenographers and other employees of the courts, civil and~~  
 21 ~~eriminal procedures, probate matters, civil and criminal laws, and similar~~  
 22 ~~matters;~~

23                   (vi) ~~Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and~~  
 24 ~~Economic Development. This committee shall have jurisdiction of matters~~  
 25 ~~pertaining to agriculture, livestock, forestry, industrial development,~~  
 26 ~~natural resources, oil and gas, publicity and parks, levees and drainage,~~  
 27 ~~rivers and harbors, and similar legislation;~~

28                   (vii) ~~Committee on Insurance and Commerce. This~~  
 29 ~~committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to banks and banking,~~  
 30 ~~savings and loan associations, stocks, bonds, and other securities,~~  
 31 ~~securities dealers, insurance, public utilities, partnerships and~~  
 32 ~~corporations, home mortgage financing and housing, and similar legislation;~~

33                   (viii) ~~Committee on State Agencies and Governmental~~  
 34 ~~Affairs. This committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to~~  
 35 ~~state government and state agencies except where the subject matter relates~~  
 36 ~~more appropriately to another committee, proposed amendments to the~~

1 ~~Constitution of Arkansas or the United States Constitution, election laws and~~  
 2 ~~procedures, federal and interstate relations, and similar legislation;~~

3 ~~(ix) Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs.~~

4 ~~This committee shall have jurisdiction of matters pertaining to city and~~  
 5 ~~municipal affairs, county affairs, local improvement districts, interlocal~~  
 6 ~~governmental cooperation, and similar legislation; and~~

7 ~~(x) Committee on Aging and Legislative Affairs. This~~

8 ~~committee shall have jurisdiction of bills and resolutions affecting the aged~~  
 9 ~~and problems of the aged, bills and resolutions affecting the legislative~~  
 10 ~~department of government, bills and resolutions affecting the joint rules of~~  
 11 ~~the House and Senate, memorials and resolutions, and other matters whenever~~  
 12 ~~the subject matter is not germane to the subject matter of any other standing~~  
 13 ~~committee. The committee shall serve as the supervisory committee over the~~  
 14 ~~preparation of the journal and the engrossing and enrolling of bills. The~~  
 15 ~~committee shall also have the responsibility of monitoring and making~~  
 16 ~~recommendations for periodic updating, modernizing, and revising of the Code~~  
 17 ~~of Ethics for public officers and employees. This committee shall have no~~  
 18 ~~jurisdiction of matters affecting the interpretation of the Rules of the~~  
 19 ~~House of Representatives and the Senate, but that jurisdiction shall be~~  
 20 ~~exercised by the Rules Committees of the respective bodies.~~

21 (3)(A) The following ten (10) subject matter interim committees  
 22 of the House of Representatives committees to each consist of the members who  
 23 compose the respective standing committees of the House having comparable  
 24 subject matter jurisdiction, plus such other nonvoting members as may be  
 25 selected pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives, who shall be  
 26 entitled to per diem and mileage for attending meetings of the committees:

27 (i) House Committee on Education – matters  
 28 pertaining to public kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and adult  
 29 education, vocational education, vocational-technical schools, vocational  
 30 rehabilitation, higher education, private educational institutions, similar  
 31 legislation, and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

32 (ii) House Committee on Judiciary – matters  
 33 pertaining to state and local courts, court clerks and stenographers and  
 34 other employees of the courts, civil and criminal procedures, probate  
 35 matters, civil and criminal laws, similar matters, and resolutions germane to  
 36 the subject matter of the committee;

1                   (iii) House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and  
2 Labor – matters pertaining to public health, mental health, mental  
3 retardation, public welfare, human relations and resources, environmental  
4 affairs, water and air pollution, labor and labor relations, similar  
5 legislation, and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

6                   (iv) House Committee on Public Transportation –  
7 matters pertaining to roads and highways, city streets, county roads, highway  
8 safety, airports and air transportation, common and contract carriers, mass  
9 transit, similar legislation, and resolutions germane to the subject matter  
10 of the committee;

11                   (v) House Committee on Revenue and Taxation –  
12 matters pertaining to the levy, increase, reduction, collection, enforcement  
13 and administration of taxes and other revenue-producing measures, and  
14 resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

15                   (vi) House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth,  
16 Legislative and Military Affairs – matters pertaining to the aged and  
17 problems of aging; children and youth, military, veterans, legislative  
18 affairs, memorials, other matters whenever the subject matter is not germane  
19 to the subject matter of any other standing committee and resolutions germane  
20 to the subject matter of the committee;

21                   (vii) House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and  
22 Economic Development – matters pertaining to agriculture, livestock,  
23 forestry, industrial development, natural resources, oil and gas, publicity  
24 and parks, levee and drainage, rivers and harbors, similar legislation and  
25 resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

26                   (viii) House Committee on City, County and Local  
27 Affairs – matters pertaining to city and municipal affairs, county affairs,  
28 local improvement districts, interlocal government cooperation, similar  
29 legislation and resolutions germane to the subject matter of the committee;

30                   (ix) House Committee on Insurance and Commerce –  
31 matters pertaining to banks and banking, savings and loan associations,  
32 stock, bonds, and other securities, securities dealers, insurance, public  
33 utilities, partnerships and corporations, home mortgage financing and  
34 housing, similar legislation and resolutions germane to the subject matter of  
35 the committee; and

36                   (x) House Committee on State Agencies and

1 Governmental Affairs – matters pertaining to state government and state  
2 agencies, except where the subject matter relates more appropriately to  
3 another committee, proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of  
4 Arkansas or the Federal government, election laws and procedures, Federal and  
5 interstate relations, similar legislation, and resolutions germane to the  
6 subject matter of the committee.

7 (B) The following nine (9) subject matter interim  
8 committees of the Senate to each consist of the members who compose the  
9 respective standing committees of the Senate having comparable subject matter  
10 jurisdiction, plus such other nonvoting members as may be selected pursuant  
11 to the Rules of the Senate, who shall be entitled to per diem and mileage for  
12 attending meetings of the committees:

13 (i) Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and  
14 Labor - matters pertaining to public health, mental health, mental  
15 retardation, public welfare, human relations and resources; the aged and  
16 problems of the aging; environmental affairs, water and air pollution, labor  
17 and labor relations and similar legislation;

18 (ii) Senate Committee on Revenue And Taxation -  
19 matters pertaining to the levy, increase, reduction, collection, enforcement  
20 and administration of taxes and other revenue-producing measures;

21 (iii) Senate Committee on Education - matters  
22 pertaining to public kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and adult  
23 education, vocational education, vocational-technical schools, vocational  
24 rehabilitation, higher education, private educational institutions, and  
25 similar legislation;

26 (iv) Senate Committee on Judiciary - matters  
27 pertaining to State and local courts, court clerks and stenographers and  
28 other employees of the courts, civil and criminal procedures, probate  
29 matters, civil and criminal laws, and similar matters;

30 (v) Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry &  
31 Economic Development - matters pertaining to agriculture, livestock,  
32 forestry, industrial development, natural resources, oil and gas, publicity  
33 and parks, levees and drainage, rivers and harbors, and similar legislation;

34 (vi) Senate Committee on Insurance And Commerce -  
35 matters pertaining to banks and banking, savings and loan associations,  
36 stocks, bonds, and other securities, securities dealers, insurance, public

1 utilities, partnerships and corporations, home mortgage financing and  
 2 housing, and similar legislation;

3 (vii) Senate Committee on State Agencies And  
 4 Governmental Affairs - matters pertaining to State government and State  
 5 Agencies, except where the subject matter relates more appropriately to  
 6 another committee, proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of  
 7 Arkansas or the Federal government, election laws and procedures, Federal and  
 8 Interstate relations, and similar legislation. The committee shall also have  
 9 the responsibility of monitoring and making recommendations for periodic  
 10 updating, modernizing, and revising the Code of Ethics for public officials;

11 (viii) Senate Committee on City, County, And Local  
 12 Affairs - matters pertaining to city and municipal affairs, county affairs,  
 13 local improvement districts, interlocal governmental cooperation, and similar  
 14 legislation; and

15 (ix) Senate Committee on Public Transportation,  
 16 Technology And Legislative Affairs – matters pertaining to roads, highway  
 17 safety, airports and air transportation, common carriers, mass transits and  
 18 similar legislation; matters pertaining to science, technology, bio-  
 19 technology and similar legislation and other matters whenever the subject  
 20 matter is not germane to the subject matter of any other Class “A” or Class  
 21 “B” Committee. The committee shall serve as the supervisory committee over  
 22 the preparation of the Journal and the engrossing and enrolling of bills.  
 23 The committee shall have no jurisdiction of matters affecting the  
 24 interpretation of the rules of the Senate, but such jurisdiction shall be  
 25 exercised by the Senate Rules Committee.

26 ~~(B)~~(C) Members of the ten (10) interim House committees  
 27 and the ~~ten (10)~~ nine (9) interim Senate committees established in this  
 28 subsection may also serve as members of the Legislative Council or of the  
 29 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

30 ~~(C)~~(D) Any member of the House of Representatives who  
 31 sponsors a proposal or resolution providing for a study which is referred to  
 32 one (1) of the ten (10) House interim committees and any member of the Senate  
 33 who sponsors a proposal or resolution providing for a study which is referred  
 34 to one of the ~~ten (10)~~ nine (9) Senate interim committees may serve as an ex  
 35 officio member of that committee during the conduct of the study resulting  
 36 from his proposal or resolution.

