For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PROCUREMENT LAW; TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS USED UNDER THE ARKANSAS PROCUREMENT LAW; TO EXEMPT CERTAIN COMMODITIES AND SERVICES UNDER THE ARKANSAS PROCUREMENT LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO EXEMPT CERTAIN COMMODITIES AND SERVICES UNDER THE ARKANSAS PROCUREMENT LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-11-203(14), concerning the definition of "exempt commodities and services" under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(EE) Commodities and services purchased by an academic medical center using revenue derived from and used for patient care and hospital enterprises;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-11-203(23), concerning the definitions used under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(23)(A) "Public funds" means all state-appropriated and cash funds of state agencies, as defined by applicable law or official ruling.

(B) Without necessarily being limited thereto, “public funds” does not include grants.
(i) Grants, donations, research derived from self-supporting enterprises which are not operated as a primary function of the agency, no part of which funds are deposited into the State Treasury; and (ii) Revenue derived from patient care and self-supporting hospital enterprises of an academic medical center;

/s/Hester

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