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2	92nd General Assembly	A Bill	
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5   By: Representatives Evans, *Ladyman, Cozart, Warren, Payton, B. Smith, Kelly, Wing*

6   By: Senator Hill

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFORM SECURITY PROTOCOL FOR

10   CERTAIN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EVENTS; TO CREATE A COMMITTEE

11   TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR CERTAIN

12   PUBLIC EVENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15   **Subtitle**

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17   CERTAIN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EVENTS; AND TO

18   CREATE A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND

19   SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC

20   EVENTS.

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

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25   SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. <u>Title.</u>

26   <u>This act shall be known as the "Security Protocol Act for Arkansas</u>

27 <u>Public Events".</u>

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29   SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. <u>Uniform Security Protocol for Arkansas</u>

30 <u>Public Events Committee — Creation — Membership — Duties.</u>

31   <u>(a) There is created the Uniform Security Protocol for Arkansas Public</u>

32 <u>Events Committee.</u>

33   <u>(b)(1) The committee shall consist of *ten (10) members* to be appointed</u>

34 <u>as follows:</u>

35   <u>(A) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of</u>

36 <u>the University of Arkansas to be appointed by the President of the University</u>

1   of Arkansas;

2   (B)   One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of

3   Arkansas State University to be appointed by the President of Arkansas State

4   University;

5   (C)   One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of

6   the University of Central Arkansas to be appointed by the President of the

7   University of Central Arkansas;

8   (D)   One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of a

9   higher education institution in Arkansas that is a member of the Great

10 American Conference to be appointed by the Governor;

11   (E)   The Executive Director of the Arkansas Activities

12 Association or his or her designee;

13   (F)   One (1) member who is a security employee of Verizon

14 Arena to be appointed by the Governor;

15   *(G)   The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism or*

16 *his or her designee;*

17   (H)   The Director of the Department of Arkansas State

18 *Police or his or her designee;*

19   *(I)   The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency*

20 *Management or his or her designee; and*

21   *(J)   A representative of Oaklawn Racing and Gaming*

22 *appointed by the Governor.*

23   (2)   All appointments under this act shall be made within thirty

24 (30) days of the effective date of this act.

25   (3)   If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the vacancy shall be

26 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

27   (4)   Members of the committee shall serve without compensation

28 but may receive reimbursement under Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, through the

29 Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

30   (c)(1)   The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management

31 shall call the first meeting of the committee no later than September 30,

32 2019.

33   (2)   At the first meeting of the committee, the members of the

34 committee shall elect from its membership a chair and other officers as

35 needed for the transaction of its business.

36   (3)   The committee shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County

1   at the State Capitol or another facility that allows for public access and
2   teleconferencing capabilities.
3   (4)   Meetings of the committee shall be held at least one (1)
4   time every two (2) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.
5   (d)   The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management shall provide
6   staff and materials for the committee.
7   (e)(1)   The committee shall establish rules and procedures for
8   conducting its business.
9   (2)   A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
10   (3)   A majority vote of the members present shall be required for
11   any action by the committee.
12   *(f)(1)(A)   The committee shall develop a suggested standard security*
13   *protocol of best practices for* admission procedures for public events,
14   whether ticketed or unticketed, held at arenas, stadiums, auditoriums, and
15   other facilities designed to hold large numbers of people for public events.
16   (B)   In developing the protocol, the committee shall
17   consider without limitation:
18   (i)   Each applicable venue's size and capacity;
19   (ii)   Whether the event is ticketed or unticketed;
20   (iii)   Whether the venue is indoors or outside; and
21   (iv)   Any other factor relevant to determining the
22   appropriate security regulations for the different types of events and
23   locations throughout the state.
24   (2)   The protocol specifications shall include without
25   limitation:
26   (A)   Designation of the types and sizes of items that may
27   be brought into an event;
28   (B)   Standards for purses, bags, sacks, backpacks, and
29   other implements designed to carry other items; and
30   (C)   Standards and recommendations for secure admissions to
31   public events.
32   (g)(1)   The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to
33   the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management on or before December 31,
34   2019.
35   *(2)(A)   The department shall notify the arenas, stadiums,*
36   *auditoriums, and other facilities represented by the members of the committee*

1 *by publication of the findings and recommendations of the committee on its*

2 *website.*

3   *(B) Upon request to the department, the findings and*

4 *recommendations of the committee will be made available to any public entity*

5 *for use at a ticketed or unticketed event.*

6   (h) The committee expires on December 31, 2019.

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8   */s/Evans*

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11   **APPROVED: 3/8/19**

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