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HB1476

By: Representatives Hutchinson, George, Keet, Flanigan, Hawkins, McKissack, Forgey, Thurman, Hatfield

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS DRUG DIRECTOR AND THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COORDINATING COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. (a) There is created within the Office of the Governor a position of Arkansas Drug Director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(b) The Director shall serve as the coordinator for development of an organizational framework to ensure that alcohol and drug programs and policies are well planned and coordinated.

SECTION 2. There is hereby established the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council (hereafter referred to as the Coordinating Council).

SECTION 3. The Coordinating Council shall have the responsibility for overseeing all planning, budgeting, and implementation of expenditure of state and federal funds allocated for alcohol and drug education, prevention, and law enforcement.

SECTION 4. The Coordinating Council shall have the following functions, powers, and duties:

(a) All federal money received by the State of Arkansas for drug law enforcement, education or prevention shall be reviewed by the Coordinating Council for disbursement, accountability, and evaluation.

(b) The Coordinating Council shall review and coordinate all school based drug education, prevention, and awareness programs and efforts funded by the State.

(c) The Coordinating Council shall assist community based prevention councils in planning and coordinating prevention activities, promoting innovative programs, developing stable funding sources and disseminating current information. These local councils should be racially balanced and shall include at least one (1) representative from each of the following groups:

- (1) One (1) law enforcement officer;
- (2) One (1) school board member;
- (3) One (1) school administrator;
- (4) One (1) school teacher;
- (5) One (1) parent;
- (6) One (1) student;
- (7) One (1) Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program Director; and
- (8) One (1) health professional.

(d) The Coordinating Council shall develop training and education programs for criminal justice personnel in drug related matters in conjunction with the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

(e) The Coordinating Council shall have authority to develop its rules of procedure to include the establishment of a committee structure for the approval of funding and other purposes. Committees shall include, but not be

limited to, a Prevention, Education, and Treatment Committee, and a Law Enforcement Committee.

(f) The Coordinating Council shall establish advocacy groups among the business community and youth population of this state.

(g) The Coordinating Council shall work with all federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies to ensure an integrated system of enforcement activities.

(h) The Coordinating Council shall perform other such functions as may be necessary to carry out the functions, powers, and duties as set forth in this act.

SECTION 5. The Coordinating Council shall be composed of twenty-three (23) members as follows:

(a) Ten (10) members of the Coordinating Council shall be administrative officers of the following agencies, or their appropriate designee, confirmed by gubernatorial appointment:

(1) Arkansas Drug Director, who shall serve as chairperson of the Coordinating Council

(2) Deputy Director of the Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention, or his designee

(3) Director of the Arkansas State Police

(4) Director of the Department of Education

(5) Director of the Arkansas Transportation Safety Agency

(6) Director of the Department of Correction

(7) Director of the Department of Finance and Administration

(8) Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard

(9) Attorney General

(10) Director of the State Crime Laboratory

(b) The following persons shall be appointed by the Governor for three (3) year terms and will not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(1) A county sheriff

(2) A city police chief

(3) A municipal or circuit judge

(4) A prosecuting attorney

(5) A private citizen not employed by state or federal government

(6) A director of a publicly funded alcohol and drug abuse treatment program

(7) A school teacher

(8) A drug abuse prevention specialist

(9) A school administrator

(10) A health professional

(11) United States Attorney, or his designee

(c) One member of the State House of Representatives, as appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one member of the State Senate, as appointed by the Senate Pro Tempore

The Coordinating Council members shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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