1 State of Arkansas **A BillACT 399 OF 1991** 2 **78th General Assembly** SENATE BILL 248 3 Regular Session, 1991 **By: Senator Malone** 4 5 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 44, SUBCHAPTER 2 OF THE 8 ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987, TO CLARIFY MEMBERSHIP ON THE 9 GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ADULT LITERACY; AND FOR OTHER 10 11 PURPOSES." 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 14 15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Section 6-44-201 is hereby amended to read as 16 follows: "6-44-201. Creation - Members. 17 (a) There is hereby established the Governor's Commission on Adult 18 19 Literacy to be composed of not more than sixteen (16) members appointed by the 20 Governor. 21 (b)(1) Considerations for membership shall include sex, age, and racial 22 balance. 23 The voting membership of the commission shall consist of the (2)24 following: 25 (A) Seven (7) members from the executive ranks of the 26 business and labor sector with expertise in marketing, public relations, 27 legal, and workplace literacy; (B) Seven (7) members from the nonbusiness sector with 28 29 general backgroundsin education, social services, and literacy enhancement; 30 (C) One (1) member of the Arkansas Senate and one (1) 31 member of the Arkansas House of Representatives. (D) The Director of the Division of Vocational and 32 33 Technical Education shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the 34 commission. (3) The commission shall be comprised of members with backgrounds 35

36 and expertise that will enhance public and private efforts in adult education

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1 and literacy.

2 (c) Members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the 3 Governor. Non-state employee members shall serve without compensation but 4 shall be entitled to per diem and mileage allowances for attendance at 5 commission meetings at the same rate authorized by law for legislators' 6 attendance at meetings of joint interim committees of the General Assembly. 7 Commission members that are also state employees shall be reimbursed for 8 expenses and mileage by the state agency for which they are employed, from 9 funds that are available for that purpose.

(d) The commission shall meet at least once quarterly.

(e) The failure of a commission member to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without excuse may result in action being taken for the removal of that member at the discretion of the commission chairman."

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15 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Section 6-44-202 is hereby amended to read as 16 follows:

17 "6-44-202. Staff assistance.

18 The Director of the Division of Vocational and Technical Education may 19 assign staff of the Adult Education Office to assist the commission in 20 carrying out its duties and responsibilities. The commission shall have the 21 authority to hire an executive director and additional staff, provided funds 22 become available for that purpose."

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SECTION 3. 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.

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SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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34 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are 35 hereby repealed.

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