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8	For An Act To Be Entitled
9	"AN ACT TO ABOLISH VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS,
10	ADVISORY COUNCILS, COALITIONS; AND FOR OTHER
11	PURPOSES. "
12	C1.441.
13	Subtitle
14	"TO SUNSET VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS,
15	ADVISORY COUNCILS, COALITIONS."
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17	DE LE ENACTED DY THE CENEDAL ACCEMBLY OF THE CTATE OF ADVANCAC.
18 19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
20	SECTION 1. The following are hereby abolished:
21	(1) The Alternative Fuels Commission;
22	(2) The Alternate Fuels Advisory Committee;
23	(3) The Board to Prescribe Restrictions Under Which Retired Police
24	Officers May Carry Concealed Weapons;
25	(4) The Community Work, Recreation, & Youth Opportunities Commission;
26	(5) The Fiscal Resource Advisory Commission:
27	(6) The Arkansas Health Resources Commission;
28	(7) The Buffalo National River Commission; and
29	(8) The Catastrophic Financial Loss Board.
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31	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 15-10-501, 15-10-502, 15-10-503, 15-10-504,
32	15-10-505, 12-15-203, 9-31-302, 9-31-303, 9-31-304, 9-31-305, 20-8-204, 20-77-
33	201, 20-77-202, 20-77-203, 20-77-204, 15-23-701, 15-23-702, 15-23-703, 15-23-
34	704, 12-81-101 are hereby repealed:
35	15-10-501. Purpose.
36	It is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to decrease the reliance

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1 of the United States, and especially the residents of Arkansas, on imported

- 2 oil as a major source of energy. In furtherance of this purpose, the
- 3 Alternative Fuels Commission created by this subchapter shall encourage and
- 4 assist governmental agencies, private enterprise, and the citizens of this
- 5 state to decrease their use of imported fuels and increase their use of fuels

6 produced domestically.

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15-10-502. Alternative Fuels Commission.

- (a) There is hereby created the Alternative Fuels Commission to be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Governor, plus one (1) Senator and one (1) Representative serving on the Joint Committee on Energy of the General Assembly to be appointed by the cochairmen of the Joint Committee on Energy. The Governor shall appoint one (1) consumer representative and two (2) members representing the natural gas industry of this state and, in making the remainder of his appointments, should give consideration to the appointees' knowledge of and experience in banking, farming, geology, chemistry, biology,
- (b) One (1) commissioner shall be selected from each of the (4) four congressional districts, and the remaining five (5) commissioners shall serve from the state at large.
- (c)(1) The Governor-appointed members of the commission shall serve terms of four (4) years.
- (2) The members appointed from the Joint Committee on Energy shall serve two-year terms.
 - (d) In the event a vacancy occurs on the commission due to death, resignation, or other cause, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor or cochairmen of the Joint Committee on Energy, whichever is appropriate, of a person eligible for the initial appointment as set forth in this section to serve for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term of the member.
 - (e) The commission shall annually elect one (1) of its members as chairman and one (1) of its members as vice chairman, and other officers as the commission deems necessary.
 - (f) Members of the commission shall serve without pay but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

36 (g) Members of the commission shall qualify by taking the oath of

office as prescribed by law. 1 2 3 15-10-503. Duties of commission. The commission shall: 4 5 (1) Identify and cooperate with existing agencies, organizations, and individuals to develop, coordinate, and promote the utilization of alternative 6 7 fuels throughout the State of Arkansas; (2) Initially emphasize the production, development, promotion, and 8 9 utilization of alternative motor fuels; (3) Subsequently establish priorities for addressing other alternative 10 energy sources, taking into consideration the economics, availability, and the 11 12 social and environmental benefits to be derived from the development and use of these alternative fuels: 13 (4) Cooperate in the implementation of a state energy strategy; 14 (5) Provide an annual report to the Governor, to the General Assembly, 15 and to the public documenting areas of success, recommendations for 16 legislation, and unresolved issues that require further attention; 17 (6) Acquire by purchase, gift, devise, grant, dedication, or otherwise, 18 19 any interest in real or personal property; (7) Cooperate and contract with any governmental entity, any natural 20 person, or any legal entity; 21 22 (8) Accept money or any other property from any governmental entity, 23 natural person, or other legal entity; (9) Make grants and Loans: 24 (10) Issue bonds and other evidences of indebtedness: and 25 (11) Promulgate regulations necessary to implement this subchapter. 26 27 28 15-10-504. Alternative Fuels Advisory Committee. 29 (a) There is hereby created the Alternative Fuels Advisory Committee to be composed of twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor as follows: 30 31 (1) A representative of the grain ethanol industry; (2) A representative of the cellulose ethanol industry; 32 (3) A representative of the Arkansas Transit Association, chosen 33 from a list of three (3) nominees provided by the association; 34 (4) A representative of the Arkansas Oil Marketers' Association, 35 36 chosen from a list of three (3) nominees provided by the association;

1 (5) A representative of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association, 2 chosen from a list of three (3) nominees provided by the association; (6) A representative from the Arkansas Petroleum Council, chosen 3 from a list of three (3) nominees provided by the council; 4 (7) A representative of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation. 5 chosen from a list of three (3) nominees provided by the bureau; 6 7 (8) A representative from the Arkansas Gas Association, chosen from a list of three (3) nominees provided by the association; 8 (9) A representative of a public electric utility; 9 (10) A member at large to represent consumers; 10 (11) A representative of a public gas utility; and 11 12 (12) A representative of the Conservation Coalition, chosen from a list of three (3) nominees provided by the coalition. 13 (b) The members of the advisory committee may receive expense 14 reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seg. 15 16 15-10-505. Li abi l i ty. 17 No member of the Alternative Fuels Commission or the Alternative Fuels 18 19 Advisory Committee shall be personally liable for his acts or omissions within the scope of his duties as a member of the commission or committee, nor shall 20 any member be personally liable for the acts or omissions of any other members 21 22 of the commission or committee performed within the scope of their duties as 23 such members. 24 25 12-15-203. Board - Members - Duties. (a)(1) There is hereby created a board to be composed of four (4) 26 27 persons appointed by the Governor. 28 (A) One (1) person shall be appointed from a list of names 29 provided by the Arkansas Municipal Police Association. (B) One (1) person shall be appointed from a list of names 30 provided by the Arkansas Police Chiefs Association. 31 (C) One (1) person shall be appointed from a list of names 32 provided by the Arkansas Sheriffs Association. 33 (D) One (1) person shall be appointed from a list of names 34 provided by the Arkansas State Police Association. 35 36 (2) Appointees shall serve two-year terms.

1 (b) The board shall promulgate regulations which prescribe restrictions under which retired law enforcement officers may carry concealed weapons and 2 3 the regulations shall also prescribe the procedure for the conduct of a thorough background check for the retired law enforcement officers. 4 (c) Only those retired law enforcement officers whose background check 5 is acceptable to the board shall be entitled to carry a concealed weapon under 6 7 this subchapter. 8 9 9-31-301. Short title. This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Community Work, 10 Recreation, and Youth Opportunities Act". 11 12 13 9-31-302. Community Work, Recreation, and Youth Opportunities Commission 14 Members. There is hereby created the Community Work, Recreation, and Youth 15 16 Opportunities Commission to be composed of: (1) One (1) member of the House of Representatives to be 17 18 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 19 (2) One (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the President 20 Pro Tempore of the Senate: (3) The Executive Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., 21 22 Commission: 23 (4) Two (2) persons appointed by the Governor to represent 24 community action organizations; 25 (5) Two (2) persons under eighteen (18) years of age appointed by the Governor: 26 27 (6) The Governor or one of his designated staff members; and 28 (7) One (1) person appointed by the Governor to represent the 29 religious community. 30 31 9-31-303. Chair - Meetings. The commission shall: 32 (1) Select one (1) of its members to serve as chairperson; 33 (2) Meet regularly at the call of the chairperson; 34 35 (3) Solicit donations and grants to be used by the commission to enhance work, recreation, and other opportunities for the youth of this state; 36

1 and 2 (4) Advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and the various state 3 agencies regarding work and recreational programs targeted to people under eighteen (18) years of age. 4 5 9-31-304. Compensation. 6 7 (a) The nonlegislator members of the commission may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq. 8 9 (b) Legislator members shall receive per diem, mileage, and expense reimbursement at the same rate as that prescribed for legislators for 10 attending meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly. 11 12 13 9-31-305. Administrative support. 14 The Governor's office shall provide administrative assistance to the commission in carrying out its functions and duties. 15 16 17 20-8-204. Fiscal Resource Advisory Committee. (a) To assist the commission in developing coordinated, fully 18 19 integrated, and accountable funding packages for implementing treatment plans 20 for individual patients, the Governor shall appoint a Fiscal Resource Advisory Committee consisting of local, state, and federal employees, and other persons 21 22 directly involved and expert in the administration of programs, both public and private, which potentially or actually provide direct or indirect 23 financial assistance to any or all spinal cord patients at any phase of care. 24 25 (b) The commission, acting through its chairman, shall cooperate with the Governor in the appointment of members to the Fiscal Resource Advisory 26 27 Committee by recommending to the Governor, from time to time, the names of agencies and individuals to be considered by the Governor for appointment to 28 29 the committee. (c) The members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the 30 31 commission. (d) The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman of the 32 33 commission. 34 35 20-77-201. Purpose. It is the purpose of this subchapter to: 36

(1) Study problems, issues, and results related to health resources in 1 2 Arkansas: 3 (2) Propose goals and measures to improve and rationalize the health delivery system, including overall results, access, cost-effectiveness, and 4 cost control: and 5 (3) Monitor progress towards the goals established. 6 7 20-77-202. Creation - Members. 8 (a) There is created the Arkansas Heal th Resources Commission. The 9 commission shall be composed of twenty-three (23) members as follows: 10 11 (1) The Governor shall appoint eight (8) members; 12 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint six (6) members of the House of Representatives; 13 (3) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint six (6) 14 15 members of the Senate: (4) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Health or his 16 17 desi gnee; 18 (5) The Director of the Department of Human Services or his 19 desi gnee; and 20 (6) The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical 21 Sciences or his designee. 22 (b) The appointments made by the Governor shall include: 23 (1) One (1) individual with expertise in health care management, 24 to be selected from a list of three (3) nominees submitted from the Arkansas Hospital Association; 25 (2) One (1) individual with expertise in medical practice, to be 26 selected from a list of three (3) nominees submitted from the Arkansas Medical 27 28 Soci ety; 29 (3) One (1) individual with expertise in the health insurance 30 industry; 31 (4) One (1) individual with expertise in rural health, to be selected from a list of three (3) nominees submitted from the Arkansas 32 Association of Community Health Centers; 33 (5) One (1) individual with expertise in long-term care, to be 34 selected from a list of three (3) nominees submitted from the Arkansas Health 35 Care Association: 36

(6) One (1) individual who shall be a pharmacist, to be selected 1 2 from a list of three (3) nominees submitted from the Arkansas Pharmacists' 3 Association: and (7) Two (2) members to be appointed at large. 4 (c) A chair shall be selected by the members of the commission. 5 (d) The members of the commission shall serve without pay but may 6 7 receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq. The legislative members of the commission shall receive, in lieu of reimbursement 8 for meals, lodging, and travel, the same per diem and mileage allowance for 9 each day in attending meetings of the commission as is authorized by law for 10 attending meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly. 11 12 20-77-203. Staff. 13 The commission may employ a staff director, who shall be appointed by 14 the chairman, subject to the approval of the commission. Consultants, 15 volunteers, and graduate students may also be used to augment the commission's 16 staff needs. 17 18 19 20-77-204. Powers and duties. 20 (a) The commission shall have authority to study the full range of health resources, including pharmaceuticals, medical services, health 21 22 facilities, health associations and agencies, and financing. (b) (1) The commission may gather and analyze information on results, 23 problems, and issues concerning the following topics: 24 25 (A) A report card indicating the state of public health in Arkansas, including a number of quantitative and qualitative measures, and 26 27 comparison with other states: (B) The state's health care costs, identification of public 28 29 and private funding sources, funding trends, and identification of existing policies and measures aimed at holding down costs; 30 31 (C) The availability and adequacy of health facilities and health services, geographically and according to population segments, the 32 identification of expensive high tech facilities such as FM and cardiac care 33 labs, and an indication of opportunities for sharing such resources to avoid 34 35 possibly uneconomical or unnecessary duplication; 36 (D) The development of a definition of "adequate health

1	care" and identification of procedures approved for full or partial public
2	fundi ng;
3	(E) Access to health care for the uninsured and working
4	poor;
5	(F) Access to, and cost of, health care under workers'
6	compensation;
7	(G) Availability, adequacy, promotion, and utilization of
8	prenatal_care;
9	(H) Cost of the care and treatment of drug-addicted babies;
10	(I) Availability, adequacy, promotion, and utilization of
11	immunization programs for infants and preschool children;
12	(J) Access to health care for school children;
13	(K) Frequency and treatment of child and other domestic
14	abuse;
15	(L) Availability of physicians and health care facilities
16	in rural areas;
17	(M) Problems incurred by health care providers when they
18	report drug abuse;
19	(N) Extent of, and amelioration of, drug abuse among health
20	care provi ders;
21	(0) The need for a statewide trauma network;
22	(P) The mental health system, with particular emphasis
23	being placed on hard-to-get services for the mentally ill;
24	(Q) Policies and procedures governing access to a person's
25	medical_record;
26	(R) Medical treatment of sexual assault victims;
27	(S) Adequacy of transportation to health care facilities;
28	(T) The higher-than-average incidence of acquired immune
29	deficiency syndrome in Arkansas as compared to the other states; and
30	(U) The role and effectiveness of health education.
31	(2) The commission may prepare an interim monograph on each of
32	the topics treated, including an annotated bibliography. Each monograph is to
33	be issued as part of a series of publicly available working papers. Completion
34	and issuance of individual monographs should be scheduled as nearly as
35	possible evenly during the first eight (8) to ten (10) months of the
36	commission's term. Each monograph will include identification of any need for

further study, but such need shall not delay issuance of information compiled from existing sources.

- 20-77-205. Additional powers and duties.
- (a) The commission shall prepare a catalogue of public and private, including for-profit, voluntary, and not-for-profit, agencies and associations comprising the Arkansas health care system. The commission may identify the role and resources of each and provide an assessment of adequacy and effectiveness in each functional category.
- (b) The commission may compile descriptions of further analyses and studies required, estimate the time and cost for completion of each, and establish priorities to assist resource allocation. In assigning priorities, consideration shall be given to the possibility of solving problems before they become uncontrollable.
- (c) The commission may make overall recommendations to improve and rationalize the health care system and specific recommendations on each of the specialized topics treated. The commission may propose specific results—oriented goals for each subject. The recommendations may include both medical results and cost-related targets and recommendations for financing the needed programs.
 - (d) The commission may propose measures to:
- (1) Streamline, simplify, or otherwise rationalize the organization and respective roles of state, county, and local agencies in the medical field or increase their productivity or reduce their operating costs;
- (2) Improve coordination among agencies and between public and private agencies; and
- 27 (3) Improve cost-effectiveness of private agencies, especially
 28 nonprofits.
 - (e) The commission may identify subjects where legislation or specific legislative oversight may prove to be helpful in achieving public goals.
 - (f) The commission may propose a system for measuring and periodically monitoring progress toward achieving the health care goals adopted. This may or may not include an extension of the commission's term.
 - (g) In addition to publishing the interim monographs, the commission may report on its work as follows:
- 36 (1) Issue a quarterly progress report to be available to the

1	public. The report shall indicate the status of work against schedule and its
2	budget. The quarterly report shall also identify monographs issued and
3	forecast upcoming publication dates;
4	(2) Issue a consolidated annual administrative report within
5	forty-five (45) days after the end of each year; and
6	(3) Issue a main technical report including further studies
7	needed, recommended goals, action proposals, and topics for legislative
8	consideration. This report is to be issued on an interim basis after twelve
9	(12) to fifteen (15) months and as a final version by January 1, 1995. The
10	interim monographs, in updated form, are to be issued as separately bound
11	appendices to the final version of the main technical report.
12	(h) In addition to the other duties of the Arkansas Health Resources
13	Commission, the commission shall:
14	(1) Monitor and coordinate the implementation and progress of the
15	initiatives of the former Arkansas Health Care Access Council; and
16	(2) Serve as a grantee or advisory body on public or private
17	grants concerning health care access.
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19	15-23-701. Creation.
20	There is hereby created the Buffalo National River Commission.
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22	15-23-702. Members - Officers.
23	(a) The commission shall be composed of:
24	(1) The County Judge of Baxter County;
25	(2) The County Judge of Marion County;
26	(3) The County Judge of Newton County;
27	(4) The County Judge of Searcy County;
28	(5) One qualified elector of each of the above named counties to
29	be appointed by the Governor;
30	(6) Each member of the Senate and of the House of Representatives
31	whose legislative district encompasses or touches any portion of the Buffalo
32	National River;
33	(7) The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism; and
34	(8) The Director of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.
35	(b) The terms of citizen members appointed by the Governor shall be
36	four (4) years

1 (c)(1) At the first meeting of the commission, the commission shall 2 select from its membership a chairman and such other officers as it deems 3 appropriate. (2) Each chairman selected by the commission shall serve as 4 5 chairman of the commission for a term of two (2) years. (d) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation. 6 7 15-23-703. Meetings. 8 9 (a) The commission shall meet at least two (2) times per year and at such other times as it deems appropriate. 10 11 (b) The chairman shall notify all members of the commission of each 12 meeting of the commission and, in addition, shall cause notice of all meetings to be sent to each newspaper published in Baxter County, Marion County, Newton 13 County, and Searcy County. 14 15 16 15-23-704. Powers and duties. The commission shall have the authority and responsibility to confer and 17 advise with all governmental entities and all individuals having authority or 18 19 responsibility to make or implement decisions or policies regarding the Buffalo National River and its environs. 20 21 22 12-81-101. Creation - Members. There is hereby created a commission to be composed of fifteen (15) 23 members who shall solicit funds to be used by the commission to make grants to 24 25 Arkansas residents who suffer catastrophic financial loss due to illness, natural disasters, etc. The Governor shall appoint five (5) members of the 26 27 commission, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five (5) members of the commission, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall 28 appoint five (5) members of the commission. The appointments shall be made in 29 such manner as to assure proportionate representation of all congressional 30 districts as far as possible. Commission members shall serve five-year terms. 31 32 33 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 34 35 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.
SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

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

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/s/ Sheppard, et a

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