

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

**Act 1206 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas

*As Engrossed: H3/9/07 H3/19/07*

2 86th General Assembly

**A Bill**

3 Regular Session, 2007

HOUSE BILL 1630

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5 By: Representatives Adcock, L. Smith, Chesterfield, *Blount, Burris, D. Creekmore, Davis, S. Dobbins,*  
6 *Gaskill, Harrelson, W. Lewellen*

7 By: *Senators Crumbly, Steele*  
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10 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

11 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISPUTES  
12 CAN BE RESOLVED THROUGH DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
13 PROCESSES FOR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICERS AND  
14 AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND  
18 GOVERNMENT DISPUTES CAN BE RESOLVED  
19 USING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-7-203 is amended to read as follows:*

25 *16-7-203. Duty and authority of state and local officers and agencies*  
26 *and governments.*

27 *(a) It is the duty of all the elements of government expressed or*  
28 *implied by § 16-7-201(3), and they are hereby authorized, to use dispute*  
29 *resolution processes in resolving any and all disputes, cases, or*  
30 *controversies in which they may be directly or indirectly involved, whether*  
31 *between themselves and members of the public or between any other state or*  
32 *local officer, agency, government, or entity of this state or of any other*  
33 *state or any element or entity of the federal government.*

34 *(b) The elements of government expressed or implied by § 16-7-201 are*  
35 *authorized to use arbitration, private judging, med-arb, fact finding, mini-*



1 trials, and summary jury trials in resolving any and all disputes, cases, or  
2 controversies in which they may be directly or indirectly involved, whether  
3 between themselves and members of the public, or their employees or bona fide  
4 employee organizations, or corporations, or nonprofit organizations, or any  
5 other state or local officer, agency, government, or entity of this state or  
6 of any other state or any element or entity of the federal government, as  
7 long as the parties have agreed to participate. This subsection (b) is  
8 permissive and not mandatory.

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10 /s/ Adcock, et al

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