

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 809 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 884

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5 By: Senator Bledsoe  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TIME FOR THE DIRECTOR OF  
10 THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO  
11 RESPOND TO AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT; TO  
12 REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO SEND PROPOSED RULES TO  
13 THE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE; TO CREATE THE  
14 REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER  
15 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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20 RESPOND TO AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT,  
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22 THE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND TO  
23 CREATE THE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-15-303(d), concerning the economic  
29 impact statement reviewed by the Director of the Arkansas Economic  
30 Development Commission, is amended to read as follows:

31 (d)(1) Within ten business (10) days of the receipt of the economic  
32 impact statement and the proposed rule, the director shall provide detailed  
33 information in writing to the agency regarding whether, in the reasoned  
34 opinion of the director, the agency has satisfactorily completed the economic  
35 impact statement and whether the agency has taken sufficient measures to



1 balance the objectives of the proposed rule with the interests of the  
2 affected small businesses.

3 (2)(A)(i) In performing these duties, the director may elicit  
4 views and information from, and shall serve as the point of contact for,  
5 small business organizations and associations, state and federal agencies,  
6 and other parties who have comments, objections, or opinions concerning the  
7 proposed rule.

8 (ii) The director shall send the proposed rules to  
9 the members of the Regulatory Review Committee in any manner he or she  
10 considers reasonable and may set a deadline for the receipt of responses from  
11 members of the committee.

12 (B) If appropriate, the director shall convey these  
13 communications to the agency.

14 (3) In addition to commenting upon a proposed rule, the director  
15 may review existing rules and make recommendations to agencies to amend rules  
16 that may have an unduly negative impact on small businesses.

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 15, Subchapter 3 is  
19 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20 25-15-304. Regulatory Review Committee – Creation.

21 (a) The Regulatory Review Committee is established to assist the  
22 Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission in the review of  
23 proposed rules.

24 (b) The director shall appoint the members of the committee who shall  
25 serve at the pleasure of the director.

26 (c) Members of the advisory committee may receive reimbursement of  
27 expenses under § 25-16-902.

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29 **APPROVED: 4/3/2009**  
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