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A Bill

SENATE BILL 210

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION
10 ON NATIONAL SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY
16 COMMISSION ON NATIONAL SERVICE AND
17 VOLUNTEERISM.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-10-128(d), concerning an advisory
23 council to the Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support, is
24 repealed.

25 ~~(d) The program and staff of the Division of Community Service and~~
26 ~~Nonprofit Support will be assisted by an advisory council. It will be the~~
27 ~~responsibility of this council to assist the staff in setting goals,~~
28 ~~establishing priority activities, performing an advocacy role, and assisting~~
29 ~~in funding and resource development and publicity and recognition and awards~~
30 ~~programs. Council members shall be appointed by the Governor from existing~~
31 ~~state, local, and private agencies that operate volunteer programs and shall~~
32 ~~serve at the pleasure of the Governor.~~
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is
35 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

36 25-10-144. Governor's Advisory Commission on National Service and



1 Volunteerism – Creation.

2 (a) There is established a Governor’s Advisory Commission on National
3 Service and Volunteerism.

4 (b) The purposes of the advisory commission are to:

5 (1) Assist the program and staff of the Division of Community
6 Service and Nonprofit Support of the Department of Human Services in setting
7 goals, establishing priority activities, performing an advocacy role, and
8 assisting in funding and resource development and publicity and recognition
9 and awards programs; and

10 (2) Serve as the state commission on national and community
11 service for The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, as governed by 42 U.S.C.
12 § 12638.

13 (c)(1) The advisory commission shall consist of fifteen (15) to
14 twenty-five (25) voting members to be appointed by the Governor.

15 (2) The voting members shall include:

16 (A) One (1) or more members with expertise in the
17 educational, training, and developmental needs of youth, particularly
18 disadvantaged youth;

19 (B) One (1) or more members with experience in promoting
20 the involvement of older adults in service and volunteering;

21 (C) One (1) or more members representing community-based
22 agencies or community-based organizations;

23 (D) One (1) or more members representing local
24 governments;

25 (E) One (1) or more members representing local labor
26 organizations;

27 (F) One (1) or more members representing business;

28 (G) One (1) or more members between sixteen (16) and
29 twenty-five (25) years of age who is a participant or supervisor in a
30 volunteer or service program;

31 (H) One (1) or more members representing a national
32 service program described in 42 U.S.C. § 12572, as it existed on January 1,
33 2015; and

34 (I) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

35 (3) The voting members may also include:

36 (A) One (1) or more members selected from among local

1 educators;

2 (B) One (1) or more members selected from among experts in
3 the delivery of human, educational, environmental, or public safety services
4 to communities and persons;

5 (C) One (1) or more representatives of Native American
6 tribes;

7 (D) One (1) or more members selected from among out-of-
8 school youth or other at-risk youth; and

9 (E) One (1) or more representatives of entities that
10 receive assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, 42
11 U.S.C. § 4950 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2015.

12 (4) The Corporation for National and Community Service may
13 appoint an ex-officio nonvoting member of the advisory commission.

14 (5) The number of voting members who are state employees or
15 officers may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total membership.

16 (6)(A) The Governor shall ensure, to the maximum extent
17 practicable, that the membership of the advisory commission is diverse with
18 respect to race, ethnicity, age, gender, and disability characteristics.

19 (B) Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting
20 members, plus one (1) additional member, may be from the same political
21 party.

22 (d)(1) A member of the advisory commission shall be appointed for
23 terms of three (3) years.

24 (2) The members initially appointed shall draw lots for
25 staggered terms, such that an equal number of terms shall expire each
26 calendar year.

27 (3)(A) In the event of a vacancy, the Governor shall appoint an
28 eligible member to serve the remainder of the term.

29 (B) The vacancy shall not affect the power of the
30 remaining members to execute the duties of the advisory commission.

31 (e) The voting members of the advisory commission shall elect one (1)
32 of the voting members to serve as chair.

33 (f) A member of the advisory commission shall serve without
34 compensation, but may receive expense reimbursements in accordance with § 25-
35 16-902.

36 (g) The Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support may

1 promulgate rules to implement this section.

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