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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 617

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
10 COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 REPEALING THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
16 COALITION FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 28, Subchapter 11, is  
22 repealed.

23 ~~9-28-1101. Creation—Board—Members.~~

24 ~~(a) There is created the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice~~  
25 ~~Board.~~

26 ~~(b)(1) The board shall consist of a minimum of fifteen (15) members~~  
27 ~~and a maximum of thirty three (33) members appointed by the Governor.~~

28 ~~(2) Members of the board shall have training, experience, or~~  
29 ~~special knowledge concerning the prevention and treatment of juvenile~~  
30 ~~delinquency, the administration of juvenile justice, or the reduction of~~  
31 ~~juvenile delinquency.~~

32 ~~(3) Membership of the board shall include:~~

33 ~~(A) At least one (1) locally elected official representing~~  
34 ~~local government;~~

35 ~~(B) Representatives of law enforcement and juvenile~~  
36 ~~justice agencies, including juvenile and family court judges, prosecutors,~~



1 ~~counsel for children and youth, and probation workers;~~

2 ~~(C) Representatives of public agencies concerned with~~  
 3 ~~delinquency prevention or treatment, such as welfare, social services, mental~~  
 4 ~~health, education, special education, recreation, and youth services;~~

5 ~~(D) Representatives of private nonprofit organizations,~~  
 6 ~~including persons with a special focus on preserving and strengthening~~  
 7 ~~families, parent groups and parent self-help groups, youth development,~~  
 8 ~~delinquency prevention and treatment, neglected or dependent children, the~~  
 9 ~~quality of juvenile justice, education, and social services for children;~~

10 ~~(E) Volunteers who work with delinquents or potential~~  
 11 ~~delinquents;~~

12 ~~(F) Youth workers involved with programs that are~~  
 13 ~~alternatives to incarceration, including programs providing organized~~  
 14 ~~recreation activities;~~

15 ~~(G) Persons with special experience and competence in~~  
 16 ~~addressing problems related to school violence and vandalism and alternatives~~  
 17 ~~to suspension and expulsion; and~~

18 ~~(H) Persons with special experience and competence in~~  
 19 ~~addressing problems related to learning disabilities, emotional difficulties,~~  
 20 ~~child abuse and neglect, and youth violence.~~

21 ~~(4) A majority of the board membership shall not be full-time~~  
 22 ~~employees of the federal, state, or local government.~~

23 ~~(5) At least one fifth (1/5) of the members shall be under~~  
 24 ~~twenty four (24) years of age at the time of appointment.~~

25 ~~(6) At least three (3) members shall have been or shall~~  
 26 ~~currently be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.~~

27 ~~(c)(1) Members shall serve for a term of three (3) years.~~

28 ~~(2)(A) A member of the board shall not serve more than two (2)~~  
 29 ~~consecutive terms.~~

30 ~~(B) A former member of the board must wait at least two~~  
 31 ~~(2) years after completing two (2) consecutive terms before he or she may~~  
 32 ~~return as a member of the board.~~

33 ~~(d) The Governor shall designate one (1) member to serve as the chair~~  
 34 ~~of the board.~~

35 ~~(e) A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the~~  
 36 ~~transaction of business.~~

1           ~~(f) A member shall abstain from a vote if the member or member's~~  
2 ~~organization may benefit from the action voted upon.~~

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4           ~~9-28-1102. Duties.~~

5           ~~The Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice Board shall:~~

6           ~~(1) Supervise funds directed to the Arkansas Coalition for~~  
7 ~~Juvenile Justice under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of~~  
8 ~~2002, 42 U.S.C. § 5601 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2013;~~

9           ~~(2) Actively pursue federal funding opportunities to address~~  
10 ~~juvenile delinquency, including best practices programs;~~

11           ~~(3) Direct and approve funds expended under the Juvenile Justice~~  
12 ~~and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. § 5601 et seq., as it~~  
13 ~~existed on January 1, 2013;~~

14           ~~(4) Oversee the expenditures of the Division of Youth Services~~  
15 ~~of the Department of Human Services for support staff paid with funds under~~  
16 ~~the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. § 5601~~  
17 ~~et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2013; and~~

18           ~~(5)(A) Review reports, minutes, and plans submitted by appointed~~  
19 ~~groups, committees, and subcommittees focused on the four (4) core~~  
20 ~~requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002,~~  
21 ~~42 U.S.C. § 5601 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2013.~~

22           ~~(B) Groups, committees, and subcommittees of the General~~  
23 ~~Assembly or the office of the Governor are not required to submit reports,~~  
24 ~~minutes, or plans to the board.~~

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26           ~~9-28-1103. Support agency.~~

27           ~~(a) The Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice Board may contract~~  
28 ~~with the Department of Human Services to provide support services for the~~  
29 ~~board and the board's activities under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency~~  
30 ~~Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. § 5601 et seq., as it existed on January 1,~~  
31 ~~2013.~~

32           ~~(b) The board shall provide the department with notice of the~~  
33 ~~department's failure to comply with the core requirements of the Juvenile~~  
34 ~~Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. § 5601 et seq., as~~  
35 ~~it existed on January 1, 2013, which results in the loss of funding before~~  
36 ~~the board terminates a contract with the department for support services.~~

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~~9-28-1104. Reports.~~

~~(a) The Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice Board shall report on the activities of the board at least once each quarter to the Governor, the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth, and the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs.~~

~~(b) The board shall submit the state juvenile justice plan, including an explanation of any changes made to the plan, to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than July 1, 2013, and every two (2) years thereafter.~~

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