

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.

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

HOUSE BILL 1840

5 By: Representative Harrelson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE  
10 RESEARCH TO MAKE AUDIO RECORDINGS OF ALL  
11 COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO  
12 PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN THE AUDIO RECORDINGS IN  
13 ORDER TO PRESERVE LEGISLATIVE INTENT; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-303(c), concerning the duties of the  
27 Bureau of Legislative Research, is amended to add an additional subdivision  
28 to read as follows:

29 (c) It shall be the duty of the bureau acting under the direction of  
30 the director to:

31 (1) Make studies and investigations, upon direction of the  
32 Legislative Council, and secure factual information, prepare reports, and  
33 draft legislation as may be required by the Legislative Council or any of its  
34 subcommittees;

35 (2) Assist all members of the General Assembly upon request  
36 while the General Assembly is in regular or special session in drafting bills



1 and resolutions, and making studies, preparing factual information, and by  
 2 performing other services for members of the General Assembly as may be  
 3 reasonably requested and which are in aid of the performance of the  
 4 legislative duties of the members of the General Assembly;

5 (3) Assist all members of the General Assembly when the General  
 6 Assembly is not in session in connection with any reasonable request in  
 7 preparing proposed bills or resolutions for introduction in the General  
 8 Assembly when in session by compiling factual information, making studies,  
 9 providing legal assistance, and performing other duties which assist members  
 10 of the General Assembly in performing their official legislative duties;

11 (4)(A) Maintain a limited legislative reference library service  
 12 for legislative matters, utilizing print material, digital media, and  
 13 information available through the Internet. The bureau shall collect and make  
 14 available in the most suitable form information relative to governmental  
 15 subjects that will aid the General Assembly and bureau to perform their  
 16 duties.

17 (B) The bureau shall cooperate with comparable legislative  
 18 agencies in other states concerning the availability and exchange of  
 19 publications in order that the General Assembly might be fully advised of  
 20 current developments in the legislatures of the various states.

21 (C) The bureau shall maintain files or digital copies of  
 22 bills introduced at the various legislative sessions that may or may not have  
 23 been enacted by the General Assembly;

24 (5) Prepare research reports and provide other staff services to  
 25 the Legislative Council or its subcommittees with respect to studies  
 26 undertaken by the Legislative Council at the direction of the General  
 27 Assembly, or either house thereof, or upon request of any member of the  
 28 General Assembly;

29 (6) Assist the Legislative Council in its study of the budgetary  
 30 and fiscal needs of the various state agencies and cooperate with the  
 31 Department of Finance and Administration and other agencies of this state  
 32 upon direction of the Legislative Council in the preparation of a budget  
 33 manual reflecting the Legislative Council's budgetary recommendations to each  
 34 session of the General Assembly;

35 (7) Cooperate with comparable legislative service agencies in  
 36 other states by exchanging information of legislative interest and

1 participate in conferences or workshops on a regional or national basis  
2 organized for the purpose of exchanging information or discussing means and  
3 methods of improving services to legislatures and legislators in connection  
4 with the performance of their official duties; ~~and~~

5 (8) Perform any other duties and assignments as may be directed  
6 by the Legislative Council or by the General Assembly; and

7 (9)(A) Make, preserve, and maintain audio recordings of  
8 all committee meetings of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

9 (B) The audio recordings shall be preserved in a digital  
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