

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2078

5 By: Representative Webb
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
10 PROGRAM TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH ENERGY AUDITS;
11 TO FINANCE THE WEATHERIZATION AND THE
12 INSTALLATION OF AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURE; TO
13 PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WORKFORCE TO PERFORM
14 ENERGY AUDITS AND TO MAKE ENERGY EFFICIENCY
15 IMPROVEMENTS; TO FACILITATE OTHER WEATHERIZATION
16 AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER
17 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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20 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
21 PROGRAM TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH ENERGY
22 AUDITS, WEATHERIZATION, AND THE
23 INSTALLATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY
24 MEASURES AND TO PROMOTE A WORKFORCE FOR
25 THAT PURPOSE.
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-10-205(a)(10), concerning the duties and
31 responsibilities of the Arkansas Energy Office, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 (10)(A) Developing and administering conservation programs
34 directed toward reducing wasteful, inefficient uses of energy.

35 (B) If federal funds are made available for the office to
36 administer under subdivision (a)(10)(A) of this section and it is not



1 otherwise prohibited, the office shall develop a program that allows a person
 2 who resides in this state to:

3 (i) Apply for financial assistance to:

4 (a) Perform an energy efficiency audit on his
 5 or her residence or business; or

6 (b) Finance all or a portion of the cost of
 7 the installation of an energy efficiency measure or the weatherization of a
 8 home or building;

9 (ii) Promote the development of a workforce to
 10 perform energy audits and make energy efficiency improvements to homes and
 11 buildings; and

12 (iii) Facilitate access to other programs or
 13 services for the installation and the financing of weatherization and energy
 14 efficiency measures in a home or building;

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 16 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-10-205(b), concerning the authority of
 17 the Arkansas Energy Office, is amended to add a subdivision that reads as
 18 follows:

19 (b) The office shall have the authority to:

20 (1) Provide comments before state and federal bodies in energy
 21 matters relevant to Arkansas;

22 (2) Receive and expend funds obtained from the federal
 23 government or other sources by means of contracts, grants, awards, payment
 24 for services, and other devices in support of energy-related programs,
 25 studies, or other operations beneficial to the State of Arkansas;

26 (3) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose
 27 of implementing and prescribing enforcement for thermal and lighting
 28 efficiency standards for new building construction;

29 (4) Propose programs for the implementation of thermal and
 30 lighting efficiency improvements for all buildings owned by the state and
 31 prescribe reasonable thermal and lighting efficiency criteria applicable to
 32 the leasing of buildings by all state agencies; and

33 (5) Promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of:

34 (A) Administering ~~administering~~ emergency plans as
 35 referred to in subdivision (a)(4) of this section; and

36 (B) Implementing subdivisions (a)(10) and (b)(2) of this

1 section.
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