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For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS UNDER THE
12 TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES ACT OF 2019 INCLUDING
13 SAVINGS REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO REQUIRE REPORTS UNDER THE
18 TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES ACT OF
19 2019 INCLUDING SAVINGS REPORTS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Findings and Intent.

26 (a) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount
27 of appropriation and funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the
28 prerogative of the General Assembly.

29 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Transformation
30 and Efficiencies Act of 2019 to reorganize state government shall result in
31 efficiencies to reduce the duplication of services and administrative costs
32 to reduce overall state government general revenue expenditures.

33 (c) Cabinet-level departments shall identify and eliminate excess
34 administrative expenses, unnecessary expenditures, and duplication of
35 services and present those savings and efforts to operate efficiently to the
36 General Assembly as necessary and appropriate.



1 (d)(1) The secretary of each cabinet-level department created by the
2 Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019 shall submit and present to a
3 joint meeting of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental
4 Affairs and the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
5 two (2) weeks prior to the first scheduled day of the fiscal session of 2020,
6 a report that includes, without limitation information that shows:

7 (A) A summary of the proposed reduction in the total
8 general revenue expenditures of the transferred state entities compared to
9 the general revenue expenditures of the transferred state entities in the
10 2019 fiscal year by no less than one percent (1%);

11 (B) The 2019 fiscal year general revenue expenditures for
12 each state entity that has been merged, consolidated or otherwise combined;

13 (C) The total amount of general revenue expenditures for
14 the 2019 fiscal year by each cabinet-level department, including the
15 identification of all funding sources of the cabinet-level department;

16 (D) The total number of positions currently authorized for
17 each state entity that has been transferred, merged, consolidated, or
18 otherwise combined and a total for each cabinet-level department; and

19 (E) A detailed statement of each cabinet-level departments
20 plan to reduce general revenue expenditures and create efficiency including
21 without limitation:

22 (i) The elimination of certain positions;

23 (ii) The reduction in operating expenses;

24 (iii) The elimination or reduction of programs or
25 services and the cost of the programs or services; and

26 (iv) Other reductions in expenses or costs that may
27 be identified.

28 (2) The secretary of each cabinet-level department shall submit
29 his or her report to the Governor or his or her designee for approval before
30 submitting the report to the General Assembly.

31 (3) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the secretary
32 of each cabinet-level department under the direction of the Governor, has the
33 initiative and resourcefulness to implement efficiency measures that benefit
34 the State of Arkansas.

35 (A)(i) In the event that a cabinet-level department
36 secretary does not comply with the requirements of this section to provide a

1 report demonstrating a minimum of one percent (1%) reduction in costs for
2 fiscal year 2021, the secretary shall have his or her salary reduced by ten
3 percent (10%).

4 (ii) The salary reduction shall continue until the
5 General Assembly meeting in the next regular or fiscal session determines
6 that the cabinet-level department secretary has met the requirements of this
7 act.

8 (c) Funding for the Department of Education Public School Fund Account
9 Public School Fund Account for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12),
10 Medicaid, or any state institution of higher education, board, commission,
11 constitutional officer, or state agency that was not transferred, merged,
12 consolidated, or otherwise combined by the Transformation and Efficiencies
13 Act of 2019 as enacted by the General Assembly shall be exempt from the
14 requirements of this section.

15 (d)(1) The Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
16 and the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs are
17 authorized to meet jointly to review each cabinet-level departments plan to
18 reduce general revenue expenditures as set out in this section.

19 (2) The Chair of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and
20 Governmental Affairs and the Chair of the House Committee on State Agencies
21 and Governmental Affairs, or his or her designee, shall alternate the acting
22 chair for the joint meetings required by this section.

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