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HOUSE BILL 1505

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9 By: Senators B. Ballinger, M. Johnson

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

18 TO REQUIRE REPORTS UNDER THE  
19 TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES ACT OF  
20 2019 INCLUDING SAVINGS REPORTS.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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                   (e) Funding for the Department of Education Public School Fund Account  
36 for kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12), Medicaid, or any state

1 institution of higher education, board, commission, constitutional officer,  
2 or state agency that was not transferred, merged, consolidated, or otherwise  
3 combined by the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019 as enacted by the  
4 General Assembly shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.

5 (f)(1) The Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs  
6 and the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs are  
7 authorized to meet jointly to review each cabinet-level departments plan to  
8 reduce general revenue expenditures as set out in this section.

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

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14 *SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date.*

15 *This act is effective after the effective date of the proposed*  
16 *Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019 if the Transformation and*  
17 *Efficiencies Act of 2019, § 25-43-101 et seq., is enacted by the Ninety-*  
18 *Second General Assembly.*

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