

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

14 AN ACT REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH
15 OR UTILIZE A SUBCOMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND TO
16 STUDY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE ARKANSAS CASINO
17 GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018, ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,
18 AMENDMENT 100; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

22 REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OR
23 UTILIZATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
24 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND
25 TO STUDY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
26 ARKANSAS CASINO GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018.
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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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32 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 117, Subchapter 1, is
33 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

34 23-117-102. Legislative Council advice and study.

35 (a)(1) The Legislative Council may establish or utilize by rule a
36 subcommittee to provide advice on and study all matters related to The



1 Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment
2 100.

3 (2) The subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision
4 (a)(1) of this section shall not advise on issues related solely to horse
5 racing or greyhound racing.

6 (b) All matters pertaining to the following may be referred to the
7 subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this
8 section:

9 (1) The licensing and operation of casinos;

10 (2) The taxation and distribution of casino gaming proceeds;

11 (3) Rules promulgated by one (1) or more of the following state
12 agencies regarding the implementation, administration, or enforcement of The
13 Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment
14 100:

15 (A) The Arkansas Racing Commission;

16 (B) The Department of Finance and Administration; and

17 (C) Any other state agency involved with the
18 implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas Casino Gaming
19 Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100;

20 (4) Proposed contracts of one (1) or more of the following state
21 agencies in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more that
22 relate to the implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas
23 Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100:

24 (A) The commission;

25 (B) The department; and

26 (C) Any other state agency involved with the
27 implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas Casino Gaming
28 Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100; and

29 (5) Such other matters related to casinos as the Legislative
30 Council considers necessary to provide advice on all matters related to The
31 Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment
32 100.

33 (c) The subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1)
34 of this section may perform a biennial study of the direct and indirect
35 impact that casino gaming has or may have on socioeconomic indicators in the
36 state, including without limitation gambling addiction, bankruptcy, home

1 foreclosures, divorce, and any other factors identified by the Legislative
2 Council.

3 (d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, if a
4 matter referred to the subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision
5 (a)(1) of this section would otherwise require review or approval, or both,
6 by a separate subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the subcommittee
7 established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall serve
8 as the subcommittee of the Legislative Council that performs the required
9 review or approval, or both, of the matter.

10 (2) If proposed rules are submitted to a subcommittee other than
11 the Administrative Rules Subcommittee under this section, the proposed rules
12 are not subject to approval by the subcommittee established or utilized under
13 subdivision (a)(1) of this section but are submitted only for the purposes of
14 review and recommendation to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

15 (e)(1) During a regular, fiscal, or extraordinary session of the
16 General Assembly, the Joint Budget Committee shall perform the functions
17 assigned to the Legislative Council under this section.

18 (2) The Joint Budget Committee may establish or utilize a
19 subcommittee to perform the functions of the Legislative Council that are
20 assigned to the Joint Budget Committee under subdivision (e)(1) of this
21 section.

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