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2	85th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2005		HOUSE BILL 2617
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO N	MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS TO THE	
10	ARKANSAS CO	ODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED; AND FOR (OTHER
11	PURPOSES.		
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14	AN ACT	TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS TO	
15	THE ARKA	ANSAS CODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED.	
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENE	ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	RKANSAS:
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20	SECTION 1. Arkansa	as Code § 2-1-202(a) is amended	to read as follows to
21	correct a discrepancy in	the number of members on the Ar	ckansas Young and
22	Beginning Farmer Advisory	7 Board:	
23	(a) The Arkansas Y	Young and Beginning Farmer Advis	sory Board shall
24	consist of twenty-two (22	2) members <u>members appointed und</u>	<u>ler § 2-1-203</u> who are
25	residents and electors of	this state.	
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27	SECTION 2. Arkansa	as Code $\ 2-3-106(b)(1)$ is amend	led to read as follows
28	to delete obsolete refere	ences to chancery courts:	
29	(b)(l) Upon receiv	ring notice under subsection (a)	of this section, or
30	otherwise in his <u>or her</u> d	discretion, the Attorney General	l shall institute an
31	action in the Circuit Cou	irt or Chancery Court of Pulaski	i County <u>Pulaski</u>
32	<u>County Circuit Court</u> or i	in the circuit or chancery court	of any county in
33	which any portion of the	agricultural land acquired or h	neld in violation of §
34	2-3-103 is located.		
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36	SECTION 3. Arkansa	as Code § 4-57-106 is repealed d	lue to its having been

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held repealed by implication in Henslee v. Madison Guar. Sav. & Loan Ass'n,

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2 297 Ark. 183, 760 S.W.2d 842 (1989): 4-57-106. Usurious bonds, bills, conveyances, etc., void. 3 4 All bonds, bills, notes, assurances, conveyances, and all other contracts or 5 securities whatever, whereupon there is reserved, taken, or secured, or 6 agreed to be taken or reserved, any greater sum or greater value for the loan 7 or forbearance of any money, goods, things in action, or any other valuable thing than is prescribed in §§ 4-57-102, 4-57-104, and 4-57-105 shall be 8 9 void. 10 11 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 4-57-107 is repealed due to its having been 12 held repealed by implication in Henslee v. Madison Guar. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 13 297 Ark. 183, 760 S.W.2d 842 (1989): 4-57-107. Usurious contracts, liens, and conveyances. 14 15 (a)(1) Every lien created or arising by mortgage, deed of trust, or 16 otherwise on real or personal property to secure the payment of a contract 17 for a greater rate of interest than the applicable rate of interest prescribed by Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 13, either directly or 18 indirectly, and every conveyance made in furtherance of any such lien, is 19 20 void. 21 (2) Every usurious lien or conveyance may be cancelled and 22 annulled at the suit of the maker of the usurious contract, or his or her 2.3 vendees, assigns, or creditors. 24 (b)(1) The maker of a usurious contract may by suit in equity against 25 all parties asserting rights under the usurious contract have the contract 26 and any mortgage, pledge, or other lien, or conveyance executed to secure the 27 performance of the usurious contract annulled and cancelled, and any 28 property, real or personal, embraced within the terms of the lien or 29 conveyance, delivered up if in possession of any of the defendants in the 30 action and, if the property is in the possession of the plaintiff, provision 31 shall be made in the decree in the case removing the cloud of the usurious 32 lien and conveyances made in furtherance thereof from the title to the 33 property. 34 (2) Any person who may have acquired the title to, or an 35 interest in, or lien upon the property by purchase from the makers of the usurious contract, or by assignment or by sale under judicial process, 36

mortgage, or otherwise, either before or after the making of the usurious contract, may bring his or her suit in equity against the parties to the usurious contract and anyone claiming title to the property by virtue of the usurious contract, or may intervene in any suit brought to enforce the lien, or to obtain possession of the property under any title growing out of the usurious contract, and shall by proper decree have the mortgage, pledge, or other lien, or conveyance made in furtherance thereof, cancelled and annulled insofar as the mortgage, pledge, or other lien, or conveyance made in furtherance thereof, is in conflict with the rights of the plaintiff in the action.

- (3) Any creditor whose debtor has given a lien by mortgage, pledge, or otherwise on real or personal property subject to execution to secure the payment of a usurious contract may bring his or her suit in equity against the parties to the usurious contract and recover judgment for his or her debt against the debtor, and a decree cancelling and annulling the usurious lien, and directing the sale of the property to satisfy the plaintiff's judgment and costs, and any surplus that may remain after satisfying the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid to the debtor.
- (c) Neither the maker of a usurious contract nor his or her vendees, assigns, or creditors, or any other person who may have or claim an interest in any property embraced within the terms of the usurious contract, shall be required to tender or pay any part of the usurious debt or interest as a condition of having the contract, and any conveyance, mortgage, pledge, or other lien given to secure its payments or executed in furtherance thereof, enjoined, cancelled, and annulled, and any rule of law, equity, or practice to the contrary is abrogated.

- SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-14-112 is amended to read as follows to conform to Code style:
- 30 (a) A person commits indecent exposure if, with the purpose to arouse
 31 or gratify the sexual desire of the person or of any other person, he or she
 32 exposes his or her sex organs with the purpose to arouse or gratify his or
 33 her sexual desire or the sexual desire of any other person:
 - (1) In a public place or in public view; or
- 35 (2) Under circumstances in which the person he or she knows the conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm.

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1 (b)(1) Indecent exposure is a Class A misdemeanor. 2 (2)(A) If the indecent exposure is committed against a person under the age of fifteen (15) years, a second or subsequent offense of 3 4 indecent exposure against a person under the age of fifteen (15) years shall 5 be a Class D felony. 6 (B) Subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall not apply 7 if the actor is under the age of eighteen (18) years at the time of the 8 offense. 9 10 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 5-42-201 is amended to read as follows: 11 5-42-201. Citation. This subchapter shall be known and as the "Arkansas Criminal Use of 12 Property and/or or Laundering Criminal Proceeds Act". 13 14 15 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 5-42-202 is amended to read as follows: 16 5-42-202. General legislative findings, declarations, and intent. 17 The General Assembly of the State of Arkansas finds that the State of Arkansas is experiencing an increase in crime committed by criminal gangs, 18 19 organizations, or enterprises. These criminal gangs, organizations, or enterprises support themselves by engaging in criminal activity for profit, 20 21 most commonly through the distribution of controlled substances and by theft 22 of property. 23 (b) The General Assembly of the State of Arkansas further finds that 24 with increasing frequency criminals are using sophisticated means of 25 concealing criminal proceeds and in most cases moving criminal proceeds out 26 of Arkansas. In order to reap the rewards of their criminal conduct, 27 criminals must conceal the source of the criminal proceeds and the identity 28 of the individuals who work to obtain the criminal proceeds. They convert the 29 criminal proceeds to property or assets that appear to have come from a 30 legitimate source. Often they must maintain the property or assets in another person's name. This also helps them to avoid detection, 31 32 identification, and seizure. While individual criminals launder their 33 criminal proceeds, this is particularly common among members and associates 34 of criminal gangs, organizations, and enterprises. There is strong evidence 35 that this increased sophistication is due largely to contact with other criminal gangs, organizations, or enterprises from other states. 36

1 The General Assembly of the State of Arkansas further finds that 2 we cannot afford to allow millions of dollars in untaxed criminal proceeds to be taken from the state's economy each year. 3 4 The intent of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas is to 5 enact penalties that will deter and punish the criminal use of property 6 and/or the laundering of criminal proceeds, and facilitate the investigation 7 thereof.: 8 (1) Deter and punish the criminal use of property or the 9 laundering of criminal proceeds; and 10 (2) Facilitate the investigation of the criminal use of property 11 or the laundering of criminal proceeds. 12 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 5-42-204 is amended to read as follows: 13 5-42-204. Criminal use of property and/or or laundering criminal 14 15 proceeds. 16 (a) A person commits the offense of criminal use of property and/or or 17 laundering criminal proceeds when he or she knowingly: 18 (1) Conducts, or attempts to conduct, a transaction involving 19 criminal proceeds which were derived from any predicate criminal offense, or which were represented to be criminal proceeds from any predicate criminal 20 21 offense, with the intent to: 22 (A) Conceal the location, source, ownership, or control of 23 the criminal proceeds; or 24 (B) Avoid a reporting requirement under state or federal 25 law; or 26 (C) Acquire any interest in the criminal proceeds; or 27 (2) Uses, or makes available for use, any property in which he 28 or she has any ownership or lawful possessory interest to facilitate a 29 predicate criminal offense. 30 (b) Any person who is guilty of criminal use of property and/or or laundering criminal proceeds commits a Class C felony. 31 32 (c)(l) Upon conviction, the prosecuting attorney may institute a civil 33 action against any person who violates this section to obtain a judgment 34 against all persons who violate this section, jointly and severally, for

damages in an amount equal to property, funds, or monetary instruments

involved in the violations as well as the proceeds acquired by all persons

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1 involved in the enterprise or by reason of conduct in furtherance of the

- 2 violation, together with costs incurred for resources and personnel used in
- 3 the investigation and prosecution of both criminal and civil proceedings.
- 4 (2) The standard of proof in actions brought under this section 5 subsection is preponderance of the evidence.
- 6 (3) The procedures for forfeiture and distribution in the asset 7 forfeiture law, § 5-64-505, shall apply.
- 8 (4) Defendants in civil actions brought under this subsection 9 shall be entitled to trial by jury.
- (d)(1) An attorney who represents a criminal defendant or person whom

 who he or she reasonably believes may become a criminal defendant may not be

 prosecuted for receiving payment for services rendered to a person whom he or

 she represents in a criminal proceeding or in dealing with matters that might

 reasonably become the subject of a criminal proceeding.
- 15 (2) Should a court deny a motion to dismiss, a licensed attorney 16 may maintain this as a defense at trial.
- 17 (3) Furthermore, no No such payments may be seized from the
 18 attorney if they were received for services rendered pursuant to prosecution
 19 under this section, unless a court of competent jurisdiction determines after
 20 a hearing that seizure of said the property is necessary for prosecution of
 21 any criminal matter and is not protected by any applicable privilege.

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- 23 SECTION 9. In order to correct an error, Arkansas Code § 6-13-24 1603(a)(2)(A) is amended to read as follows:
 - (2)(A) Any school district on the consolidation list choosing to voluntarily administratively consolidate or annex shall submit a petition for approval to the State Board of Education by April 1 immediately following publication of the list and shall set forth the terms of the administrative consolidation or annexation agreement in the plan petition.

- 31 SECTION 10. In order to correct an error, Arkansas Code § 6-15-2101(c) 32 is amended to read as follows:
- 33 (c) The annual report shall designate two (2) category levels for each 34 school, one (1) for the school's improvement gains, tracked longitudinally 35 and using value-added calculations on the criterion-referenced test as 36 defined in § 6-15-404(g)(1), in the latest available test results, known as

- 1 the annual improvement category level, and one (1) based on performance from
- 2 the prior year on the criterion-referenced test, as defined in § 6-15-
- 3 404(g)(1), and end-of-course examinations, hereafter referred to as annual
- 4 performance pursuant to § 6-15-2103. If the criterion-referenced test is not
- 5 in compliance with $\S 6-15-404(g)(1)$, then the department shall rely on other
- 6 assessments as defined in 6-15-404(g)(1) test for the calculation of the
- 7 improvement level.

- 9 SECTION 11. In order to officially name the office, Arkansas Code § 6-10 17-310(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:
- 11 (a)(1) There is established within the Department of Education an
- 12 office for the purpose of teacher recruitment the Office for the Purpose of
- 13 <u>Teacher Recruitment</u> for ensuring that the children of our state are taught by
- 14 highly qualified professionals.

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- SECTION 12. In order to clarify what department is meant, Arkansas
 Code § 6-17-811(c) is amended to read as follows:
- 18 (c) The department Department of Education shall:
- 19 (1) Monitor the implementation of the incentive program
- 20 established by this section; and
- 21 (2) Collect data to be used to evaluate the incentive program's
- 22 effectiveness.

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- SECTION 13. In order to clarify the subdivisions, Arkansas Code § 6-
- 25 25-103(a)(1)(C)-(E) are amended as follows:
- 26 (C) Provide learning opportunities related to new
- 27 technologies, use, and production of a variety of media formats; and
- 28 (D)(i) Provide instruction in the use of the library media
- 29 center; and center.
- 30 (E) (ii) Elementary class sessions for a library
- 31 media specialist shall be limited as provided under subdivision (b)(1) of
- 32 this section;

- 34 SECTION 14. In order to update the subdivision, Arkansas Code § 6-51-
- 35 213(c)(3) is amended to read as follows:
- 36 (3) The records of the director as far as they pertain to the

provisions of this act shall be kept in his or her office in the Capitol of

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2 the state. 3 4 SECTION 15. In order to correct an error, Arkansas Code § 6-51-614(a) 5 is amended to read as follows: 6 (a) The State Board of Private Career Education, acting by and through 7 the director, shall have the authority to refuse to issue a school license, 8 to place on probation, or to revoke a school license theretofore issued. 9 10 SECTION 16. In order to update the subdivision, Arkansas Code § 6-82-11 401(4) is amended to read as follows: 12 (4) "Division Department" means the Department of Workforce 13 Education: 14 15 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 8-6-504 is amended in part to repeal 16 temporary language the effectiveness of which has expired: 17 8-6-504. Illegal Dump Eradication and Corrective Action Program. (a)(1) Effective July 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, and in 18 19 accordance with provisions set forth in § 8-6-1001 et seq., the Arkansas 20 Department of Environmental Quality shall ensure that an apportionment not to 21 exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per fiscal year of the Landfill Post-22 Glosure Trust Fund shall be allocated from the moneys deposited in the fund to be utilized by the department to administer and enforce the Illegal Dump 23 24 Eradication and Corrective Action Program, pursuant to the provisions of this 25 subchapter. 26 (2)(A) The program Illegal Dump Eradication and Corrective 27 Action Program shall be administered by the department Arkansas Department of 28 Environmental Quality. 29 (B) The moneys earmarked for the program shall be used by 30 the department to fund specific abatement projects or cleanup actions and 31 activities and shall also be used by the department for administrative 32 activities, which shall include, but not be limited to, illegal dumping and 33 dumps education, enforcement actions, and the administration of the program, 34 pursuant to this subchapter. 35 (b) The allocation of funding shall be used if the Director of the 36 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality determines that the illegal dump

owner or operator cannot be located or the director determines that an

emergency exists necessitating immediate corrective action.

The allocation of funding shall not be used to compensate the

- (c) The allocation of funding shall not be used to compensate third parties for damages to property caused by the contamination for the illegal dumping of solid waste.
- (d) The apportionment authorized by this subsection shall terminate five (5) years from March 31, 1997, and the program shall receive no funds from the fund beyond that date.

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- SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 8-6-1002(a) is amended to read as follows to remove from the subsection temporary language the effectiveness of which has expired:
- 13 (a)(1) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, 14 the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund 15 to be known as the "Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund".
- 16 (2) In addition to all moneys appropriated by the General
 17 Assembly to the fund, there shall be deposited in the fund all landfill
 18 disposal fees collected pursuant to this subchapter and any moneys received
 19 by the state as a gift or donation to the fund or any federal moneys
 20 designated to enter the fund and all interest earned upon moneys deposited in
 21 the fund.

(3) Moneys received into the fund may also be used by the

- 23 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for administrative purposes at a 24 level not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) annually with 25 an annual escalator not to exceed three percent (3%). In the event the total 26 amount in the fund equals or exceeds twenty-five million dollars 27 (\$25,000,000), no additional moneys shall be collected pursuant to this 28 subchapter until the total amount in the fund equals or is less than fifteen 29 million dollars (\$15,000,000), at which time the collection of moneys shall 30 resume.
 - (4)(A)(i) Effective July 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, an apportionment of the moneys in the fund, not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per fiscal year, shall be allocated from the moneys deposited into the fund to be utilized by the department to administer and enforce the Illegal Dump Eradication and Corrective Action Program in accordance with conditions set forth in § 8-6-501 et seq.

1 (ii) No more than fifteen percent (15%) of this 2 allocation may be used for administrative purposes by the department pursuant to the activities related to the program for the first fiscal year of the 3 4 program and ten percent (10%) annually thereafter. 5 (iii) Further, the program shall also include any 6 moneys received by the state as a gift or donation to the program and any 7 federal government moneys designated to enter the program. 8 (B) The apportionment authorized by this subsection shall 9 terminate five (5) years from March 31, 1997, and the program shall receive 10 no funds from the fund beyond that date. 11 (5)(A) Effective July 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, an 12 apportionment of the interest earned on moneys in the fund, not to exceed 13 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per fiscal year, shall be allocated 14 from the moneys deposited into the fund to be utilized by the department for 15 instituting a management organization utilizing the principles of the 16 National Environmental Performance Partnership System advocated by the 17 Environmental Protection Agency which integrates environmental indicators, 18 management information, and performance-based budgeting and accounting to 19 measure agency performance. 20 (B) The apportionment authorized by this subsection shall 21 terminate five (5) years from July 1, 1999, and the agency shall use no funds 22 from the Landfill Post-Closure Trust Fund for the purpose of instituting a 23 performance partnership management organization beyond that date. 24 25 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 9-14-107 is amended to read as follows: 26 9-14-107. Change in payor income warranting modification. 27 (a)(1) A change in gross income of the payor in an amount equal to or 28 more than twenty percent (20%) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100) per 29 month shall constitute a material change of circumstances sufficient to 30 petition the court for modification of child support according to the family 31 support chart after appropriate deductions. 32 (2)(A)(i) Any time a court orders child support, the court shall 33 order the noncustodial parent to provide the custodial parent and, when 34 applicable, the Office of Child Support Enforcement of the Revenue Division 35 of the Department of Finance and Administration with proof of income for the 36 previous calendar year, and whenever requested in writing by certified mail,

T	but not more than once a year, by the custodial parent.
2	(2)(A)(i) Any time a court orders child support, the court shall
3	order the noncustodial parent to provide proof of income for the previous
4	calendar year to:
5	(a)(1) The custodial parent.
6	(2) The court shall also order the
7	noncustodial parent to provide proof of income for a previous calendar year
8	whenever requested in writing by certified mail by the custodial parent, but
9	not more than one (1) time a year; and
10	(b) The Office of Child Support Enforcement of
11	the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, when
12	applicable.
13	(ii) Whenever a custodial parent requests in writing
14	that the noncustodial parent provide proof of income, the noncustodial parent
15	shall respond by certified mail within fifteen (15) days.
16	(B) If the noncustodial parent fails to provide proof of
17	income as directed by the court or fails to respond to a written request for
18	proof of income, the noncustodial parent may be subject to contempt of court
19	(C) If a custodial parent or the office has to petition
20	the court to obtain the information, the custodial parent or the office may
21	be entitled to recover costs and a reasonable attorney's fee.
22	(D) Once notified of an increase, the office shall file a
23	motion within thirty (30) days for modification of child support.
24	(E)(i) All income information received by the office shall
25	be used only as permitted and required by law.
26	(ii) All income information received by the
27	custodial parent shall be treated confidentially and used for child support
28	purposes only.
29	(b)(1) A change in the noncustodial parent's health insurance status
30	as defined in subdivision (b)(2) of this section shall constitute a material
31	change of circumstances sufficient to petition the court for modification of
32	child support according to the guidelines for child support and the family
33	support chart.
34	(2)(A) For purposes of this section, the term "health insurance
35	status" means that the noncustodial parent can obtain health insurance
36	through his or her employer or other group health insurance.

- 1 (B) Health insurance shall be considered reasonable in 2 cost if it is employment related employment related or is other group health 3 insurance, regardless of the service delivery mechanism.
 - (3) In no event shall eligibility for or receipt of medicaid be considered adequate provision for the child's health care needs in a child support award.
 - (c) An inconsistency between the existent child support award and the amount of child support that results from application of the family support chart shall constitute a material change of circumstances sufficient to petition the court for modification of child support according to the family support chart after appropriate deductions unless:
 - (1) The inconsistency does not meet a reasonable quantitative standard established by the <u>state State of Arkansas</u> in accordance with subsection (a) of this section; or
 - (2) The inconsistency is due to the fact that the amount of the current child support award resulted from a rebuttal of the guideline amount and there has not been a change of circumstances that resulted in the rebuttal of the guideline amount.
 - (d) Any modification of a child support order that is based on a change in gross income of the noncustodial parent shall be effective as of the date of filing a motion for increase or decrease in child support, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
 - (e) When a person is ordered by a court of record to pay for the support of his or her children, the court, at the time an order of support is made or any time thereafter, upon a showing of good cause, may order periodic drafts of his or her accounts at a financial institution to deduct moneys due or payable for child support in amounts the court may find to be necessary to comply with its order for the support of the children.

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- SECTION 20. Arkansas Code \S 9-27-336(c) is amended to read as follows to reflect the repeal of \S 9-27-336(e) in 2003:
- 32 9-27-336**:**
 - (a) A juvenile who is alleged to be or who has been adjudicated either dependent-neglected or a member of a family in need of services shall not be placed or detained in a secure detention facility, in a facility utilized for the detention of alleged or adjudicated delinquent juveniles, or in a

facility utilized for the detention of adults held for, charged with, or convicted of a crime except:

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- (1)(A) A juvenile may be held in a juvenile detention facility when he or she has been away from home for more than twenty-four (24) hours and when the parent, guardian, or other person contacted lives beyond a fifty-mile driving distance or out of state.
- 7 (B) The juvenile may be held in custody in a juvenile 8 detention facility for purposes of identification, processing, or arranging 9 for release or transfer to an alternative facility. The holding shall be 10 limited to the minimum time necessary to complete these actions and shall not 11 occur in any facility utilized for incarceration of adults.
 - (C) A juvenile held under this subdivision (a)(1) shall be separated from detained juveniles charged or held for delinquency. A juvenile may not be held under this subdivision (a)(1) for more than six (6) hours if the parent, guardian, or other person contacted lives in the state or twenty-four (24) hours, excluding weekends and holidays, if the parent, guardian, or other person contacted lives out of state.
- 18 (2)(A) An adjudicated family in need of services juvenile may be 19 held in a juvenile detention facility when the court finds that the juvenile 20 violated a valid court order.
 - (B) For the purposes of this subdivision (a)(2), a valid court order shall include any order of a circuit court regarding a juvenile who has been brought before the court and made subject to a court order. The juvenile who is the subject of the order shall receive full due process rights.
 - (C) A juvenile held under this subdivision (a)(2) shall be separated from detained juveniles charged or held for delinquency. The holding shall not occur in any facility utilized for incarceration of adults.
 - (b) Except pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, a \underline{A} juvenile shall not be placed or confined in a jail or lock-up used for the detention of adults except under the following circumstances:
 - (1) A juvenile who has been formally transferred from the juvenile division of circuit court to the criminal division of circuit court and against whom felony charges have been filed or a juvenile whom the prosecuting attorney has the discretion to charge in circuit court and to prosecute as an adult and against whom the circuit court's jurisdiction has

1 been invoked by the filing of felony charges may be held in an adult jail or

- 2 lock-up;
- 3 (2) A juvenile alleged to have committed a delinquent act may be
- 4 held in an adult jail or lock-up for up to six (6) hours for purposes of
- 5 identification, processing, or arranging for release or transfer to an
- 6 alternative facility provided he or she is separated by sight and sound from
- 7 adults who are pretrial detainees or convicted persons. A holding for those
- 8 purposes shall be limited to the minimum time necessary and shall not include
- 9 travel time for transporting the juvenile to the alternative facility; or
- 10 (3)(A) A juvenile alleged to have committed a delinquent act who
- ll is awaiting an initial appearance before a judge may be held in an adult jail
- 12 or lock-up for up to twenty-four (24) hours, excluding weekends and holidays,
- 13 provided the following conditions exist:
- (i) The alleged act would be a misdemeanor or a
- 15 felony if committed by an adult or is a violation of § 5-73-119; and
- 16 (ii) The geographical area having jurisdiction over
- 17 the juvenile is outside a metropolitan statistical area pursuant to the
- 18 current designation of the United States Bureau of the Census; and
- 19 (iii) No acceptable alternative placement for the
- 20 juvenile exists; and
- 21 (iv) The juvenile is separated by sight and sound
- 22 from adults who are pretrial detainees or convicted persons.
- 23 (B)(i) A juvenile awaiting an initial appearance and being
- 24 held in an adult jail or lock-up pursuant to the twenty-four-hour exception,
- as provided in subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section, may be held for an
- 26 additional period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours, provided that the
- 27 following conditions exist:
- 28 (a) The conditions of distance to be traveled
- 29 or the lack of highway, road, or other ground transportation do not allow for
- 30 court appearances within twenty-four (24) hours; and
- 31 (b) All the conditions in subdivision
- 32 (b)(3)(A) of this section exist.
- 33 (ii) Criteria will be adopted by the Governor or his
- 34 or her designee to establish what distance, highway or road conditions, or
- 35 ground transportation limitations will provide a basis for holding a juvenile
- 36 in an adult jail or lock-up under this exception.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, Provided that the facilities are designed and used in accordance with federal and state guidelines and restrictions, nothing in this subchapter is intended to prohibit the use of juvenile detention facilities that are attached to or adjacent to adult jails or lock-ups provided the facilities are designed and used in accordance with federal and state guidelines and restrictions.

(d) A detention facility shall not release a serious offender for a less serious offender except by order of the judge who committed the more serious offender.

- SECTION 21. In order to conform the text to the changed definition in Arkansas Code \$ 11-14-102, \$ 11-14-107(b) is amended to read as follows:
- (b) A covered employer may not discharge, discipline, refuse to hire, discriminate against, or request or require rehabilitation of an employee or job applicant on the sole basis of a positive test result that has not been verified by a confirmation test and by a drug testing review officer medical review officer.

- SECTION 22. In order to conform the text to the changed definition in Arkansas Code § 11-14-102, § 11-14-109(b) is amended to read as follows:
- medical review officers, employee assistance programs, drug or alcohol rehabilitation programs, and their agents who receive or have access to information concerning drug or alcohol test results shall keep all information confidential. Release of such information under any other circumstance is authorized solely pursuant to a written consent form signed voluntarily by the person tested, unless such the release is compelled by a hearing officer or a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to an appeal taken under this section relevant to a legal claim asserted by the employee or is deemed appropriate by a professional or occupational licensing board in a related disciplinary proceeding. The At a minimum, the consent form must contain, at a minimum:
- 33 (1) The name of the person who is authorized to obtain the information;
- 35 (2) The purpose of the disclosure;
- 36 (3) The precise information to be disclosed;

1 (4) The duration of the consent; and 2 (5) The signature of the person authorizing release of the 3 information. 4 5 SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 12-8-123 is amended to read as follows to 6 correct a reference to a repealed federal law: 7 The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police is designated 8 as the agent of the State of Arkansas for accepting surplus or excess United 9 States Department of Defense property for its own use or for the purpose of 10 distributing the property to city and county law enforcement agencies that 11 have been designated by the office of the Department of Defense Coordinator 12 for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support of the United States Department of 13 Defense to receive property for counter-narcotics operations under the provisions of Section 1208 of Pub. L. No. 101-189 [repealed] of fiscal year 14 15 1990-1991 of the National Defense Authorization Act 10 U.S.C. § 2576a, as it 16 existed on January 1, 2005. 17 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 12-8-304 is amended to read as follows to 18 19 make certain stylistic changes and to delete a reference to a repealed code 20 section: 21 (a)(1) This subchapter shall be liberally construed to accomplish the 22 intent and purposes thereof of this subchapter and shall be the sole 23 authority required for the accomplishment of such these purposes. 24 (2) To this end, it shall not be necessary to comply with 25 general provisions of other laws dealing with public commodities and public 26 facilities and their acquisition, construction, leasing, encumbering, or 27 disposition if If the Arkansas State Police Commission shall comply with §§ 28 25-4-107 and 25-4-108 before acquiring any communications equipment 29 authorized under this subchapter and if the commission submits any invitation 30 or request for bids, quotes, or proposals, and the procedures to be used in 31 evaluating them to the State Procurement Director for review and written 32 approval prior to any obligation being incurred by the commission or the 33 Department of Arkansas State Police as the obligation relates to any 34 acquisition authorized and defined by this subchapter it shall not be 35 necessary to comply with general provisions of other laws dealing with public commodities and public facilities and their acquisition, construction, 36

- 1 leasing, encumbering, or disposition.
- 2 (b) The enumeration of any object, purpose, power, manner, method, and thing in this subchapter shall not be deemed to exclude like or similar
- 4 objects, purposes, powers, manners, methods, or things.
- 5 (c) This subchapter shall be the complete and sole authority for the
- 6 accomplishment of the purposes hereof. To the extent that there is a conflict
- 7 between the provisions of this subchapter and $\S\S$ 12-8-101 - 12-8-107, 12-8-
- 8 110 - 12 - 8 - 112, 12 - 8 - 114 - 12 - 8 - 116, 12 - 8 - 118, 12 - 8 - 119, 12 - 8 - 201 - 12 - 8 - 205,
- $\frac{12-8-209}{1}$ [repealed], 12-8-213, and 12-12-103, the provisions of this 9
- subchapter shall govern. 10

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- 12 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 12-8-305(a)(3) is amended to read as
- 13 follows to delete a reference to a repealed code section:
- 14 (a)(3) Provide for the payment of the cost of acquisition from any
- 15 legally available source or sources, including, without limitation, the
- 16 revenues authorized by § 12-8-307, funds appropriated and made available
- 17 under \S 12-8-101 - 12-8-107, 12-8-110 - 12-8-112, 12-8-114 - 12-8-116, 12-8-
- 118, 12-8-119, 12-8-201 12-8-205, 12-8-209 [repealed], 12-8-213, and 12-12-18
- 19 103, and funds, if any, appropriated for the communications equipment;

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- 21 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 12-8-306 is amended to read as follows to
- 22 delete a reference to an abolished committee:
- 23 The Arkansas State Police Commission shall submit any contract,
- 24 agreement, or proposal, as authorized by this subchapter, to the Arkansas
- 25 Communications Study Committee and to the Legislative Council prior to any
- 26 obligation being incurred by the commission for their the Legislative
- 27 Council's advice and counsel.

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- 29 SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 12-8-404(b) is amended to read as follows
- 30 to clarify an ambiguity concerning an order issued pursuant to the section:
- 31 Any violation of the sanction ordered under subdivision (a)(2)(A)
- 32 of this section by any police officer shall constitute a Class A misdemeanor
- 33 for each citation or summons issued or misdemeanor arrest made in violation
- 34 of the director's prosecuting attorney's order.

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36 SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 12-9-403 is amended to read as follows to 1 make certain stylistic changes and to delete obsolete language:

- 2 (a) No person shall be appointed as a police traffic radar operator or 3 police traffic radar instructor until the minimum standards for training 4 requirements have been completed.
 - (b) All police traffic radar operators shall have one (1) year from March 22, 1983, to have completed the required training or to have previously met the training requirements or the training equivalent as determined by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.
- 9 (e)(b) The training requirements for police traffic radar operators or
 10 police traffic radar instructors shall be established by the commission
 11 Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.
 - (d)(c) The commission may issue a certificate evidencing satisfactory completion of the requirements of this subchapter when evidence is submitted by the law enforcement agency director, chief, or sheriff that the police traffic radar operator has met the training requirements.
 - (e)(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude any law enforcement agency from establishing qualifications and standards for appointing and training of police traffic radar operators and police traffic radar instructors that exceed those set by this subchapter or by the commission.
 - (f)(e) Any police traffic radar operator or police traffic radar instructor failing to meet the training requirements as set forth in this subchapter shall lose his or her authority to operate traffic radar for enforcement purposes.
 - $\frac{(g)(f)}{(g)}$ An officer must have completed shall complete the commission-required training for officer certification before being eligible for certification as a police traffic radar operator.
 - (h)(g) Only full-time, part-time I, and part-time II officers, as defined by commission regulation, will be eligible for certification as police traffic radar operators.

SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 12-9-503 is amended to read as follows to make certain stylistic changes, clarify ambiguities concerning terms of members of the Criminal Justice Institute Advisory Board for Law Enforcement Management Training and Education, and to delete language concerning the

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1	included in a new section to the Arkansas Code:
2	(a)(1) There is established the Criminal Justice Institute Advisory
3	Board for Law Enforcement Management Training and Education.
4	$\frac{(2)}{(b)(1)}$ The board shall have sixteen (16) members.
5	$\frac{(3)}{(2)}$ (A)(i) The board shall consist of the following
6	representatives:
7	(a) Two (2) representatives from the Arkansas
8	Municipal Police Association;
9	(b) Two (2) representatives from the Arkansas
10	Association of Chiefs of Police;
11	(c) Two (2) representatives from the Arkansas
12	Sheriffs' Association; and
13	(d) Two (2) faculty members or administrators
14	from institutions of higher education.
15	(ii) The preceding eight (8) members of the board
16	shall be appointed by the Governor.
17	(iii) Terms of the eight (8) association and
18	institution representatives members appointed pursuant to subdivision
19	(b)(2)(A)(ii) shall be four (4) years in length.
20	(B) Other members of the board shall be:
21	(i) The Special Agent in Charge of the Arkansas
22	office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or his or her designee;
23	(ii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
24	Sheriffs' Association;
25	(iii) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
26	Association of Chiefs of Police;
27	(iv) The Executive Director of the Arkansas
28	Municipal Police Association;
29	(v) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute;
30	(vi) The Director of Legislative and Governmental
31	Affairs of the Arkansas State Police Association;
32	(vii) A citizen at large nominated by the Director
33	of the Criminal Justice Institute; and
34	(viii) The President of the University of Arkansas
35	or his or her designee.
36	(C)(i) Terms of office of the members serving pursuant to

1	subdivision (b)(2)(B) shall be five (5) years in length, and the terms shall	
2	be staggered so that, insofar as is possible, an equal number of members	
3	shall rotate each year.	
4	(ii) However, terms of members who serve by virtue	
5	of the office they hold shall run so long as the member holds such the	
6	office.	
7	(b)(l) There is established the National Center for Rural Law	
8	Enforcement Advisory Board to address policy issues, provide guidance, and	
9	further develop national initiatives.	
10	(2) The members of the board shall be appointed by the Director	
11	of the Criminal Justice Institute and approved by the President of the	
12	University of Arkansas and shall include:	
13	(A) The President of the University of Arkansas or his or	
14	her designee;	
15	(B) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute;	
16	(C) A member of the House of Representatives;	
17	(D) A member of the Senate;	
18	(E) Two (2) executives with law enforcement experience;	
19	(F) A national-level executive with law enforcement	
20	experience;	
21	(G) A prominent academician; and	
22	(H) A nationally prominent citizen.	
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24	SECTION 30. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 9, Subchapter 5 is amended	
25	to add the following new section concerning the National Center for Rural Law	
26	Enforcement Advisory Board previously created within Arkansas Code § 12-9-	
27	503:	
28	12-9-508. National Center for Rural Law Enforcement Advisory Board.	
29	(a) There is established the National Center for Rural Law Enforcement	
30	Advisory Board to address policy issues, provide guidance, and further	
31	develop national initiatives.	
32	(b) The members of the board shall be appointed by the Director of the	
33	Criminal Justice Institute and approved by the President of the University of	
34	Arkansas and shall include:	
35	(1) The President of the University of Arkansas or his or her	
36	designee;	

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1	(2) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute;	
2	(3) A member of the House of Representatives;	
3	(4) A member of the Senate;	
4	(5) Two (2) executives with law enforcement experience;	
5	(6) A national-level executive with law enforcement experience;	
6	(7) A prominent academician; and	
7	(8) A nationally prominent citizen.	
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9	SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 12-10-312 is amended to read as follows to	
10	add clarifying language:	
11	The telephone number 911 is restricted to emergency calls which may	
12	result in dispatch of the appropriate response for fire suppression and	
13	rescue, emergency medical services or ambulance, hazardous material	
14	incidents, disaster or major emergency occurrences, and law enforcement	
15	activities.	
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17	SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 12-10-316(b) is amended to read as follows	
18	to make certain stylistic changes and to add clarifying language concerning	
19	access to files within the centralized state depository of information:	
20	(b)(1) The 911 public safety communication centers are restricted in	
21	that they are authorized access to these files in the centralized state	
22	depository of information only for the purpose of providing the information	
23	to <u>:</u>	
24	end (A) End users as authorized by state law; and	
25	(B) Authorized recipients of the contents of those files,	
26	in the absence of serving as an information service agency, to authorized	
27	recipients of the contents of these information systems those files,.	
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29	(2) The 911 public safety communication centers will shall not	
30	be authorized <u>have</u> access to files available through the Arkansas Crime	
31	Information Center.	
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33	SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 12-12-602(a) is amended to read as follows	
34	to make certain stylistic changes and to add clarifying language concerning	
35	the reporting of knife or gunshot wounds:	
36	(a) All physicians, surgeons, hospitals, whether public or private,	

1 and all druggists, or other persons persons or entities that might be called 2 upon to render render first aid treatment shall report to the office of the 3 sheriff of the county all cases of knife or gunshot wounds treated by them or 4 received in the hospital, which when the wounds appear to have been 5 intentionally inflicted, to the office of the sheriff of the county or to one 6 of his or her regular commissioned deputies. 7 8 SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 12-12-906(a)(2)(B)(ii) is amended to read 9 as follows to clarify and correct a reference to federal law: 10 (a)(2)(B)(ii) Nonresident workers or students who enter the state for 11 fourteen (14) or more consecutive days to work or study or who enter the 12 state for an aggregate of thirty (30) days or more a year are required to register in compliance with 64 Fed. Reg. 585 2nd as it existed on March 1, 13 2003 42 U.S.C. § 14071 et seq. and 64 Fed. Reg. 572 et seq., as they existed 14 15 on March 1, 2003. 16 17 SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 12-12-913(h) is amended to read as follows to clarify an ambiguity concerning the meaning of the subsection: 18 19 (h) Nothing in this section shall prevent law enforcement officers 20 from notifying members of the public about persons who may pose a danger to 21 the public for reasons that are not enumerated in this subchapter. 22 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 12-12-917(b)(4)(A) is amended to read as 23 24 follows to clarify the ambiguous phrase "in the community": 25 (b)(4)(A) Sex offenders currently in the community state who have not 26 been assessed and classified shall be identified by the Arkansas Crime 27 Information Center center. 28 29 SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 12-12-917(b)(4)(B)(ii)(b) is amended to 30 read as follows to clarify the immunity granted by the subdivision: 31 (b)(4)(B)(ii)(b) A sex offender shall have immunity for Statements 32 statements made by a sex offender him or her in the course of assessment with 33 respect to prior conduct shall be deemed to have been given use immunity 34 under the immunity provisions of § 16-43-601 et seq.

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SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 12-12-921(a)(1)(A) is amended to read as

follows to clarify the qualifications of the defense attorney member of the Sex Offender Assessment Committee:

(a)(1)(A) One (1) member who is a <u>criminal</u> defense attorney;

- SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 12-12-922 is amended to read as follows to make certain stylistic changes and to delete obsolete language:
- (a)(1) The alternative procedure under this section may be used for sexually violent predator evaluations if information that was not available to the court at the time of trial emerges in the course of a sex offender evaluation that was not available to the court at the time of trial emerges in the course of a sex offender evaluation.
- Examiners qualified by the Sex Offender Assessment Committee shall include in the assessment of any sex offender convicted of a sex offense a review as to whether the frequency, repetition over time, severity of trauma to the victim, or established pattern of predatory behaviors suggests that the sex offender suffers from a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the sex offender likely to engage in future predatory sexual offenses.
- (B) If a mental abnormality or personality disorder is suspected, a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist qualified by the committee shall conduct further assessment to determine the presence or absence of a mental abnormality or personality disorder.
- (C) The report of the assessment shall be presented to the committee, which shall make the determination of a mental abnormality or personality disorder according to protocols established by the committee and published in the committee guidelines.
- (b)(1)(A) A sex offender may challenge an assigned risk level by requesting an administrative review.
- (B) As part of that request, the sex offender is shall be afforded the opportunity to receive copies of all documents generated by the examiners, a listing by document name and source of all documents that may be available from other agencies having custody of those documents, and a copy of the tape of the interview.

SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1001 is amended to read as follows to add a new subdivision concerning the definition of "arrest tracking

1 number" which now appears in § 12-12-1007(e): 2 (2) "Arrest tracking number" means a unique number, assigned to an arrestee at the time of each arrest, which is used to link that arrest to 3 4 the final disposition of that charge; (2)(3) "Central repository" means the Arkansas Crime Information 5 6 Center, which is authorized to collect, maintain, and disseminate criminal 7 history information; 8 9 SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1007(e) is amended to read as 10 follows to delete language concerning the definition of "arrest tracking 11 number" which will be added as a new definition within § 12-12-1001: 12 (e) (1) As used in this section, "arrest tracking number" means a 13 unique number, assigned to an arrestee at the time of each arrest, which is 14 used to link that arrest to the final disposition of that charge. 15 (2)(1) It shall be the duty of law enforcement officials, 16 prosecuting attorneys, court clerks, and judges to report the arrest tracking 17 number of each defendant in accordance with procedures established by the 18 center. 19 (3)(A)(2)(A) The arrest tracking number shall be filed with the court clerk at the time an indictment, information, or charge is filed. 20 21 (B) In cases where in which the defendant has not been 22 arrested at the time of an indictment, information, or charge, the arrest 23 tracking number shall be filed with the court clerk immediately after there 24 is an arrest. 25 (4)(3) The arrest tracking number shall be in the court's case 26 file before a trial commences or a judgment is entered. 28 SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1012 is amended to read as follows 29 the State Police Equipment Fund:

- to make certain stylistic changes and to delete obsolete language concerning
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- 31 (a)(1)(A) A fee may be charged for providing criminal history 32 information for noncriminal justice purposes.
- 33 (B) However, the fee for providing information may be 34 waived at the request of a:
- 35 (i) A local Local school district, for providing 36 information concerning volunteers in public school programs; or

1	(ii) A nonprofit Nonprofit organization whose
2	purpose is to serve juveniles, for providing information concerning
3	volunteers to the nonprofit organization. This exemption shall not be
4	applicable to child care facilities whose owners, operators, or employees are
5	required under § 20-78-601 et seq. to apply to the Identification Bureau of
6	the Department of Arkansas State Police for a criminal records check.
7	(2) The amount of such the fee will be determined jointly by the
8	bureau and the central repository and shall not exceed twenty dollars
9	(\$20.00).
10	(b)(1) All fees shall be deposited immediately in the State Treasury
11	as special revenue to the credit of the State Police Equipment Fund, which
12	$\underline{\text{There}}$ is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, $\underline{\text{the}}$ Auditor of
13	State, and $\underline{\text{the}}$ Chief Fiscal Officer of the State $\underline{\text{a State Police Equipment}}$
14	Fund, there to be used for the acquisition of an automated fingerprint
15	identification system.
16	(2) Effective July 1, 1997, such fees shall then be All fees
17	collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the State Treasury
18	as special revenue and credited:
19	$\frac{\text{fifty}}{\text{(A)}}$ Fifty percent (50%) to the Crime Information
20	System Fund, there to be used for the continued operation and expansion of
21	the automated criminal history system; and
22	fifty(B) Fifty percent (50%) to the State Police Equipment
23	Fund, there to be used for the continued operation and expansion of the
24	automated criminal history system and for the operation and expansion of the
25	automated fingerprint indentification identification system, subject to
26	legislative appropriations. Any balance in the State Police Equipment Fund on
27	June 30, 1997, may also be used for the operation and expansion of the
28	automated fingerprint identification system.
29	(3) $\underline{(A)}$ Special revenues deposited in the Crime Information
30	System Fund and the State Police Equipment Fund may be used for personal
31	services and operating expenses as provided by law, \underline{and} for conducting
32	criminal background checks for noncriminal justice purposes, and such.
33	(B) The the special revenues unused at the end of any
34	fiscal year shall be carried forward.
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SECTION 43. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1103(2) is amended to read as

1 follows to clarify the definition of "administration of criminal justice": 2 (2)(A) "Administration of criminal justice" means: (A) Performing performing functions of investigation, 3 4 apprehension, detention, prosecution, adjudication, correctional supervision, 5 or rehabilitation of accused persons or criminal offenders; 6 (B) Performing criminal identification activities; and 7 (C) Collecting, maintaining, and disseminating justice 8 information. 9 (B) The administration of criminal justice also includes 10 criminal identification activities and the collection, maintenance, and 11 dissemination of criminal justice information; 12 13 SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1202 is amended to read as follows 14 to delete a reference to a repealed code section and to correct a reference 15 to a state program: 16 (a) Victim notifications may be accomplished by means of the 17 computerized victim notification system established under § 12-12-1201 if 18 pursuant to: 19 (1) § 12-29-114, pertaining to escape; (2) § 16-21-106, pertaining to assistance to victims and 20 21 witnesses of crimes; 22 (3) § 16-93-204, pertaining to executive clemency; 2.3 (4) § 16-93-206, pertaining to transfer hearings; 24 (5) § 16-93-702, pertaining to parole; or (6) § 16-93-707 [repealed], pertaining to future parole 25 26 hearings; or 27 (7) § 16-97-102, pertaining to sentencing. 28 The computerized victim notification system established under § 12-12-1201 shall also include information about an inmate's custody status in 29 30 regard to furloughs, work release, and community punishment correction 31 programs. 32 33 SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 12-25-101(a) is amended to read as follows 34 to add clarifying language: (a) In order to ensure public notice and safety no state agency, 35 36 board, commission, or the governing body of any municipality or county shall

1 approve the location or construction of any community-based residential 2 facility housing persons, juveniles or adults, adjudicated or convicted of any sexual or violent offense or any other offense that would constitute a 3 Class C felony or higher, even if the facility otherwise conforms to 4 5 applicable zoning ordinances, nor shall any community based residential 6 facility housing persons, juveniles or adults, adjudicated or convicted of 7 any sexual or violent offense or any other criminal offense that would constitute a Class C felony or higher be located or constructed within any 8 9 municipality or county of this state unless and until a public hearing is 10 conducted in the municipality or county of the proposed location of the 11 facility at least thirty (30) days prior to the owner, operator, or care provider of the proposed facility contracting for the acquisition of any 12 13 property on which to locate the proposed facility or any existing structure 14 in which to locate the proposed facility. 15 (1) No state agency, board, commission, or the governing body of 16 any municipality or county shall approve the location or construction of any 17 community-based residential facility housing juveniles or adults adjudicated 18 or convicted of any sexual or violent offense or any other offense that would constitute a Class C felony or higher, even if the facility otherwise 19 20 conforms to applicable zoning ordinances, until a public hearing is conducted 21 in the municipality or county of the proposed location of the facility at 22 least thirty (30) days prior to the owner, operator, or care provider of the 23 proposed facility contracting for the acquisition of any property on which to locate the proposed facility or any existing structure in which to locate the 24 25 proposed facility. 26 (2) No community-based residential facility housing juveniles or 27 adults adjudicated or convicted of any sexual or violent offense or any other criminal offense that would constitute a Class C felony or higher shall be 28 29 located or constructed within any municipality or county of this state until a public hearing is conducted in the municipality or county of the proposed 30 31 location of the facility at least thirty (30) days prior to the owner, 32 operator, or care provider of the proposed facility contracting for the 33 acquisition of any property on which to locate the proposed facility or any existing structure in which to locate the proposed facility. 34

36 SECTION 46. Arkansas Code § 12-27-120 is amended to read as follows to

1 correct references to an abolished entity and to make certain stylistic 2 changes:

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- (a) <u>During their employment by the Department of Correction</u>, <u>All all</u> employees of the State Penitentiary on March 1, 1968, shall, <u>during their</u> employment by the Department of Correction, be eligible for benefits under and shall participate in the <u>Arkansas State Penitentiary Employees'</u>
 Retirement System [abolished] Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System.
- 8 (b) All employees of the department employed after March 1, 1968,
 9 shall be included in the membership of the Arkansas Public Employees'
 10 Retirement System and shall participate in the Arkansas Public Employees'
 11 Retirement System in accordance with the laws governing the Arkansas Public
 12 Employees' Retirement System.
- (c) It is the intent of this section to: continue to make available to

 (1) Allow those employees of the penitentiary who have before

 participated in the Arkansas State Penitentiary Employees' Retirement System

 opportunity to continue to participate in and receive benefits from the

 Arkansas State Penitentiary Employees' Retirement System Arkansas Public

 Employees' Retirement System; but and
- 19 <u>(2)</u> to provide Provide that all other employees of the 20 department shall participate in and receive the benefits of the Arkansas 21 Public Employees' Retirement System in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 12-27-140 is amended to read as follows to delete references to the Commission on Disparity in Sentencing which was never created:

- (a)(1) On July 31 of each year, the Department of Community Correction shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Council and the Commission on Disparity in Sentencing showing the number of persons sentenced or transferred to the department during the fiscal year for each criminal offense classification.
- 31 (2) Persons sentenced or transferred for multiple offenses shall 32 be noted in the report.
- 33 (b) The report shall include a breakdown by race of all persons 34 charged in each criminal offense classification.
- 35 (c) The department shall cooperate with and upon request make 36 presentations and provide various reports, to the extent the department's

- 1 budget will allow, to the Legislative Council and the commission concerning
- 2 department policy and criteria on discretionary offender programs and
- 3 services.

- SECTION 48. Arkansas Code § 12-27-141 is amended to read as follows to delete references to the Commission on Disparity in Sentencing which was never created:
- 8 (a)(1) On July 31 of each year, the Department of Correction shall 9 submit an annual report to the Legislative Council and the Commission on 10 Disparity in Sentencing showing the number of persons sentenced to the
- 11 department during the fiscal year for each criminal offense classification.
- 12 (2) Persons sentenced for multiple offenses shall be noted in the report.
- 14 (b) The report shall include a breakdown by race of all persons 15 sentenced in each criminal offense classification.
- 16 (c) The department shall cooperate with and upon request make
 17 presentations and provide various reports, to the extent the department's
 18 budget will allow, to the Legislative Council and the commission concerning
 19 department policy and criteria on discretionary offender programs and
 20 services.

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- SECTION 49. Arkansas Code § 12-29-204 is amended to read as follows to delete language concerning "statutory good time" pursuant to a repealed act and a reference to Acts 1968 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 50, § 14 which was repealed:
- Those inmates sentenced to the Department of Correction prior to April 2, 1971, shall be entitled to "statutory good time" as provided in Acts 1968 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 50, § 14 [repealed], provided no No inmate sentenced to the Department of Correction shall ever receive a reduction under this subchapter, or this subchapter and another subchapter jointly, of more than thirty (30) days for each month served.

- 33 SECTION 50. Arkansas Code § 12-30-402 is amended to read as follows to 34 correct a reference to a state fund:
- The Community Service Revolving Fund [abolished] Community Correction
 Revolving Fund is authorized to borrow from the Budget Stabilization Trust

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    Fund for the establishment of new work-release centers for the Department of
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    Correction. The loans shall be repaid by the end of the fiscal year in which
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     the loans are made.
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           SECTION 51. Title 12, Chapter 31, of the Arkansas Code Annotated of
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     1987 concerning the Corrections Resources Commission is repealed because the
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     commission was created for a two-year period that has expired and the chapter
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     is now obsolete:
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    Chapter 31.
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          Corrections Resources Commission.
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          12-31-101. Creation.
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    There is hereby created a commission to be known as the "Corrections
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    Resources Commission".
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          12-32-102. Members - Meetings - Report.
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           (a) The Corrections Resources Commission shall consist of the
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    following seventeen (17) members:
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                (1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
                 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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                (3) The Director of the Department of Correction;
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                 (4) The Lieutenant Governor, or appointed designee;
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                (5) The Attorney General, or appointed designee;
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                (6) The Chair of the Post Prison Transfer Board;
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                 (7) The Director of the Arkansas Adult Probation Commission;
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                (8) The Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, or
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    designated Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court;
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                 (9) Two (2) circuit judges to be appointed by the Governor;
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                 (10) One (1) prosecuting attorney to be appointed by the
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    Governor;
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                (11) One (1) public defender to be appointed by the Governor;
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                (12) One (1) county judge to be appointed by the Governor;
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                 (13) One (1) county sheriff to be appointed by the Governor; and
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                 (14) Three (3) members of the general public to be appointed by
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    the Governor.
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          (b) All members shall serve for a term of two (2) years.
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          (c) Members of the commission shall not be entitled to compensation
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    for their services but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with §
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2	(d) The commission shall hold monthly meetings.
3	(e) The Governor shall designate a chair of the commission from the
4	commission membership.
5	(f) The commission is established for a two-year period and shall
6	report to the General Assembly concerning the feasibility of maintaining and
7	funding the commission beyond its initial period.
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9	12-31-103. Duties.
10	(a) The Corrections Resources Commission shall have the following
11	three (3) primary duties relating to the development of a more balanced
12	correctional system which operates within the limits of an established
13	institutional capacity, and emphasizes the appropriate function of community
14	based punishment for certain low-risk offenders:
15	(1)(A) The commission shall develop guidelines for presentation
16	to the General Assembly for use by a sentencing court in determining the mos
17	appropriate sanction to be imposed for all criminal offenses.
18	(B) The guidelines shall include a determination whether
19	to impose probation, intensive supervision, residential confinement,
20	electronic monitoring, incarceration, or other available options.
21	(C) Presumptive penalties shall be established based on
22	the severity of the crime in combination with key criminal history variables
23	(D) The sentencing policy proposed will be consistent with
24	the planned institutional capacity of the state.
25	(E) In developing guidelines, the commission should be
26	guided by the following principles:
27	(i) The primary purpose of a criminal sanction is to
28	punish the offender and enhance the public's protection;
29	(ii) Punishment refers to a process through which
30	the offender makes restitution or pays back the victim or the community
31	monetarily or through work service or through incarceration;
32	(iii) The offender's liberty is controlled until
33	restitution occurs;
34	(iv) Determination of the sanctions should include
35	consideration of the seriousness of the offense, the criminal history of the
36	offender, and aggravating and mitigating circumstances:

1	(v) Guidelines are intended to coordinate and
2	enhance, rather than diminish, judicial discretion;
3	(vi) Efficient use of correctional resources
4	requires a balanced consideration of all available correction options at the
5	point of sentencing;
6	(vii) A sentencing policy should be consistent with
7	the limited availability of institutional capacity;
8	(2) The commission shall develop a proposed Community
9	Corrections Act for presentation to the General Assembly, which will
10	establish a formal state and local partnership in corrections through which
11	the state will provide monetary incentives to local governments for the
12	operation of local corrections programs which assist in alleviating prison
13	crowding. The proposed act will authorize the establishment of local boards
14	to control the operation of programs and statewide criteria to ensure maximum
15	participation and compliance;
16	(3)(A) The commission may recommend revision of existing laws
17	for presentation to the General Assembly which enable and define the
18	organizations, structures, and authorities of the Department of Correction,
19	the Post Prison Transfer Board, and the Adult Probation Commission, and their
20	relationship to each other and other state correctional units.
21	(B) The commission is authorized to hold public hearings
22	and to seek the assistance and services of any state or local criminal
23	justice agency and to conduct, under contract with an outside organization, a
24	professional independent review of Arkansas probation laws and policies.
25	(C) Based on the professional independent review, the
26	commission will establish a policy to redefine the structure, function, and
27	organizational position of Arkansas probation laws and policies in a manner
28	designed to ensure the maximization of community-based punishment and
29	corrections options.
30	(b) Where appropriate, the commission shall give due consideration to
31	the encouragement of rehabilitative programs for offenders.
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33	12-31-104. Authority to employ staff.
34	The commission may employ such staff and consultants as authorized by
35	law and fix their compensation, duties, authority, and responsibilities.

1 SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 12-62-405(b) is amended to read as follows 2 to clarify the coverage of the subsection:

(b) Any person seeking damages therefor from a physician, dentist, nurse, pharmacist, paramedical, or other supporting personnel, including medical and dental technicians, nursing assistants, and therapists, of the Arkansas National Guard shall seek the remedies provided against the United States by 28 U.S.C. § 1346(b), if the cause of action arose while the member of the Arkansas National Guard was in federal service, or by filing a claim against the State of Arkansas if the alleged acts were performed by members of the Arkansas National Guard the member while on official state service.

- SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 12-75-128(d) is amended to read as follows to clarify an ambiguous reference to "the pension law":
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits to which he or she would otherwise be entitled under this chapter, under the Workers' Compensation Law, § 11-9-101 et seq., or under the pension law retirement system laws of Arkansas, nor the right of any such person to receive any benefits or compensation under any act of Congress.

- 21 SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 13-8-103(b)(2) is amended to read as 22 follows to make certain stylistic changes:
 - (2) The Advisory Council of the Arkansas Arts Council shall be charged with the responsibility of developing and implementing develop and implement a comprehensive statewide program for the support of the arts in Arkansas, pursuant to this subchapter.
 - (3) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Arts Council shall be charged with the duty of administering administer the provisions of this subchapter and the rules, regulations, and orders established under this subchapter.

- 32 SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 15-1-102 is repealed because the section 33 consists of temporary language the effectiveness of which has expired:
- 34 15-1-102. Arkansas Rural Development Study Commission.
- 35 (a) There is created an Arkansas Rural Development Study Commission to 36 be composed of fifteen (15) members to be appointed by the Governor. In

1 making his or her appointments, the Governor shall assure that the four (4) 2 congressional districts, rural agencies, two (2) from the House of Representatives and two (2) from the Senate, are represented on the 3 4 commission. 5 (b) The commission shall study the feasibility and desirability of 6 forming a Rural Development Institute for Arkansas and shall investigate how 7 other states are focusing on rural development and coordinating efforts to 8 stem the loss of rural population. 9 10 SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 15-4-219(1)(A)(iii) is amended to read as 11 follows to clarify the meaning of the subdivision: 12 (iii) What elements of our the department's 13 incentive packages were used; 14 15 SECTION 57. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 4, Subchapter 11 is 16 repealed because the original act upon which the effectiveness of the 17 subchapter depended has expired and has not been reenacted: 18 15-4-1101. Definition. 19 For the purposes of this subchapter, the term "invested" shall include 20 expenditures made from the proceeds of bonds, including interim notes or 21 other evidence of indebtedness issued by a municipality, county, or an agency 22 or instrumentality of a municipality, county, or the State of Arkansas, if 2.3 the obligation to repay the bonds, including interest on the bonds, is a 24 legal binding obligation directly or indirectly of the taxpayer. 25 26 15-4-1102. Certification required. 27 (a) To claim the benefits of this section, a taxpayer must obtain a 28 certification from the Director of the Department of Economic Development 29 certifying to the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and 30 Administration that the taxpayer: 31 (1) Operates a steel mill in Arkansas which began production 32 after February 16, 1987; and 33 (2) Has invested, after February 16, 1987, in excess of one 34 hundred twenty million dollars (\$120,000,000) in the steel mill, which 35 investment expenditure is for one (1) of the following: 36 (A) Property purchased for use in the construction of a

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1	building or buildings or any addition or improvement thereon to house the
2	steel mill;
3	(B)(i) Machinery and equipment to be located in or in
4	connection with the steel mill.
5	(ii) Motor vehicles of a type subject to
6	registration shall not be considered as machinery and equipment; or
7	(C) Project planning costs or construction labor costs,
8	including:
9	(i) On-site direct labor and supervision, whether
10	employed by a contractor or the project owner;
11	(ii) Architectural fees or engineering fees, or
12	both;
13	(iii) Right-of-way purchases;
14	(iv) Utility extensions;
15	(v) Site preparation;
16	(vi) Parking lots;
17	(vii) Disposal or containment systems;
18	(viii) Water and sewer treatment systems;
19	(ix) Rail spurs;
20	(x) Streets and roads;
21	(xi) Purchase of mineral rights;
22	(xii) Land;
23	(xiii) Buildings;
24	(xiv) Building renovation;
25	(xv) Production, processing, and testing equipment;
26	(xvi) Freight charges;
27	(xvii) Building demolition;
28	(xviii) Material handling equipment;
29	(xix) Drainage systems;
30	(xx) Water tanks and reservoirs;
31	(xxi) Storage facilities;
32	(xxii) Equipment rental;
33	<pre>(xxiii) Contractor's cost-plus fees;</pre>
34	(xxiv) Builders' risk insurance;
35	(xxv) Original spare parts;
36	(vvvi) Joh administrativo evnences:

1	(xxvii) Office furnishings and equipment;
2	(xxviii) Rolling stock;
3	(xxix) Capitalized start-upcosts as recognized by
4	generally accepted accounting principles; and
5	(xxx) Other costs related to the construction.
6	(b) "Production, processing, and testing equipment", as used in
7	subdivision (a)(2)(C) of this section, includes machinery and equipment
8	essential for the receiving, storing, processing, and testing of raw
9	materials and the production, storage, testing, and shipping of finished
10	products, including facilities for the production of steam, electricity,
11	chemicals, and other materials that are essential to the manufacturing
12	process but which are consumed in the manufacturing process and do not become
13	essential components of the finished product.
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15	15-4-1103. Use of credit.
16	Taxpayers qualified under § 15-4-1102 and entitled to the Arkansas
17	Enterprise Zone Act of 1983 income tax credit provided in subdivision 7(c) of
18	Act 813 of 1983, may use the credit in the taxable year in which the credit
19	arose. If the entire credit cannot be used in the year earned, the remainder
20	may be used in the succeeding nine (9) years or until the credit is
21	exhausted, whichever occurs first.
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23	15-4-1104. Benefits of enterprise zone provisions.
24	(a) The provisions of the Arkansas Enterprise Zone Act of 1983 are
25	adopted by this subchapter. Taxpayers qualified under § 15-4-1102 shall claim
26	the benefits provided by the Arkansas Enterprise Zone Act of 1983 under this
27	subchapter without regard for any amendment or repeal of the Arkansas
28	Enterprise Zone Act of 1983, provided the taxpayer's business otherwise meets
29	the requirements for claiming the benefits of the Arkansas Enterprise Zone
30	Act of 1983.
31	(b) A taxpayer who qualifies pursuant to the certification provisions
32	of § 26-52-902(c) shall be entitled to the benefits of this section and §§
33	26-52-902 and 26-52-903 only if the certification is issued by the Director
34	of the Department of Economic Development prior to July 1, 1989.
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36	SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 15-4-1605(1)(B) is amended to read as

1	follows to clarify the wording of the subdivision:
2	(B)(i) Computer businesses primarily engaged in providing:
3	(a) computer Computer programming services;
4	(b) the design Design and development of
5	prepackaged software;
6	(c) businesses engaged in digital Digital
7	content production and preservation;
8	(d) computer Computer processing and data
9	preparation services;
10	(e) information Information retrieval
11	services; and
12	(f) computer Computer and data processing
13	consultants and developers consulting and developing.
14	(ii) All businesses in this the group described in
15	subdivision (1)(B)(i) of this section must shall:
16	$\underline{\text{(a)}}$ $\underline{\text{employ}}$ $\underline{\text{Employ}}$ twenty-five (25) or more net
17	new full-time permanent employees;
18	(b) derive <u>Derive</u> at least seventy-five
19	percent (75%) of their revenue from out-of-state sales, and
20	(c) have Have no retail sales to the general
21	public;
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23	SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 15-4-1605(1)(H) is amended to read as
24	follows to replace an undefined term used in the subdivision with a term that
25	is defined in the subchapter:
26	(H) A coal mining operation that employs twenty-five (25)
27	or more net <u>new</u> full-time permanent positions <u>employees</u> ;
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29	SECTION 60. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2205(g) is amended to read as follows
30	to correct the wording of the subsection in light of an amendment to language
31	in § 15-4-2204:
32	(g) Expense reimbursement and per diem allowance Compensation for the
33	members of the executive committee shall be as provided in § 15-4-2204(e).
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35	SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2208(e) is amended to read as follows
36	to correct an engrossment error:

1 (e) The Governor may approve a request from any unit of general local 2 government for designation as a local area if the board, after consultation 3 with and agreement of the local chief elected officials, recommends to the 4 Governor that the area should be so designated. Arkansas labor federations, 5 or other representatives of employees if no employees are represented by 6 labor organizations; 7 8 SECTION 62. Arkansas Code § 15-4-2714(c)(2) is amended to read as 9 follows to insert missing language essential to the meaning of the 10 subdivision: 11 (2) It is the specific intent of this subchapter that the 12 incentives provided by this subchapter and the incentives provided by prior 13 laws are mutually exclusive. 14 15 SECTION 63. Arkansas Code § 15-5-1205(d) is amended to read as follows 16 to properly name a fund referred to in other Code sections: 17 (d)(1) A debt service reserve fund There is established on the books 18 of the authority a reserve fund to be known as the "Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund Revenue Bonds Reserve Fund". 19 20 (2) The fund Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund Revenue Bonds 21 Reserve Fund shall be funded from the proceeds of the bonds and shall be held 22 and used to ensure prompt payment of debt service on the bonds in such a 23 manner and pursuant to such conditions as may be specified by the authority 24 in the resolution or trust indenture authorizing or securing the bonds. 25 26 SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 15-11-507(h) is repealed because the 27 subsection consists of temporary language the effectiveness of which has 28 expired: 29 (h)(1)(A) For amusement or entertainment park tourism attraction 30 projects approved by the Director of the Department of Economic Development 31 between April 1, 1999, and September 1, 1999, the Director of the Department 32 of Economic Development is authorized to allow an exemption from the payment 33 of sales and use taxes on certain purchases of materials used in the 34 construction of a building or buildings for housing the tourism amusement or 35 entertainment park and machinery or equipment to be located in or in 36 connection with the approved tourism attraction project.

1	(B) In exchange for this exemption, the sales tax credit
2	provided by this section shall be ratably reduced by the amount of sales and
3	use taxes that are not collected due to the exemption granted under this
4	subsection.
5	(2) The sales tax exemption shall expire on July 1, 2001.
6	(3)(A) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall have an audit
7	conducted to assure compliance with the exemption and sales tax credit
8	exchange allowed in this subsection.
9	(B) In the event it is found that the approved company
10	receiving the benefits contained in this section has failed to comply with
11	the conditions of this section, that company shall be disqualified from
12	receiving any further benefits under this subsection and shall be liable for
13	the payment of such sales and use taxes as may be due after the sales and use
14	tax credits provided for in this section are disallowed, plus interest.
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16	SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 15-20-501 is amended to read as follows to
17	conform the section to Code style:
18	15-20-501. Definitions.
19	As used in this subchapter:
20	(a)(1) "Commission" means the Arkansas Natural Heritage
21	Commission-:
22	$\frac{(b)(2)}{(b)}$ "Director" means the Director of the Arkansas Natural
23	Heritage Commission or his or her appointed agents+; and
24	$\frac{(e)}{(3)}$ "Natural area" means any real property held by the
25	commission in fee or less than fee interest, along with all appurtenances
26	thereto.
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28	SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 15-20-903(10) is amended to read as
29	follows to correct the wording of a definition:
30	(10)(A) "Poultry feeding operation" means any lot or facility
31	where two thousand five hundred (2,500) $\underline{\text{or more}}$ poultry are housed or
32	confined and fed or maintained on any one (1) day in the preceding twelve-
33	month period.
34	(B) Multiple poultry houses within a reasonable proximity
35	$\underline{\text{to one another}}$ under the control of one (1) owner shall be considered one (1)
36	facility; and

1 2 SECTION 67. Arkansas Code § 15-20-1103(15) is amended to read as 3 follows to correct the wording of a definition: 4 (15)(A) "Poultry feeding operation" means any lot or facility 5 where two thousand five hundred (2,500) or more poultry are housed or 6 confined and fed or maintained on any one (1) day in the preceding twelve-7 month period. 8 (B) Multiple poultry houses within a reasonable proximity 9 to one another under the control of one (1) owner shall be considered one (1) 10 facility; 11 12 SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 15-22-1313(a) is amended to read as follows to add language essential to the meaning of the subsection: 13 14 (a) Should any city, town, county, or political subdivision receiving 15 general revenue turnback funds as defined in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 16 19-5-101 et seq., fail, neglect, or refuse to pay any installment of 17 principal, interest, or financing fee for a period of more than ninety (90) days past the due date in accordance with the written instrument for the 18 19 repayment of its bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness purchased by the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission with proceeds of the 20 commission's bonds issued under this subchapter, after notification to the 21 22 city, town, county, or political subdivision, the commission may certify to 23 the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of 24 the State the: 25 (1) the name Name of the city, town, county, or political 26 subdivision; and 27 (2) the amount Amount of deficiencies ninety (90) days or more 28 past due. 29 30 SECTION 69. Arkansas Code § 15-23-316 is repealed because the section 31 consists of temporary language the effectiveness of which has expired, and 32 the Arkansas Code Revision Commission is directed to place the language of 33 the former section in a note to § 15-20-305: 34 15-23-316. Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission of the Department of Arkansas Heritage membership. 35

In addition to the members of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission

1 of the Department of Arkansas Heritage provided for in § 15-20-305, the 2 person serving as Chair of the Arkansas Natural and Scenic Rivers Commission 3 on August 2, 1997, shall be a voting member of the Arkansas Natural Heritage 4 Commission of the Department of Arkansas Heritage during the remainder of the 5 term for which he or she was appointed to serve on the Arkansas Natural and 6 Scenic Rivers Commission. 7 8 SECTION 70. Arkansas Code § 15-23-317 is repealed because the section 9 is obsolete, and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission is directed to place 10 the language of the former section in a note to § 15-20-304: 11 15-23-317. Transfer of powers, functions, and duties. 12 All powers, functions, and duties of the Arkansas Natural and Scenie Rivers Commission and all funds, equipment, and records of the Arkansas 13 Natural and Scenic Rivers Commission are transferred to the Arkansas Natural 14 15 Heritage Commission of the Department of Arkansas Heritage. 16 17 SECTION 71. Arkansas Code § 15-31-113 is amended to read as follows to 18 clarify the language of the section: 19 15-31-113. Fines to State Forestry Fund Legislative findings -20 Purpose. 21 (a) The General Assembly finds: 22 (1) The Arkansas Forestry Commission enforces laws pertaining to 23 wildland fires, timber theft, and unlawful dumping on forest land+; 24 (2) Under current law, fines resulting from violations of the 25 wildland fire laws are deposited with local school districts+; and 26 (3) The law is silent on where to deposit fines resulting from 27 violations of the dumping and timber theft laws. 28 (b) The purpose of this section, $\S 15-31-114$, and $\S 5-38-201$ is to 29 establish that fines generated by law enforcement activities of the

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> 32 SECTION 72. Arkansas Code § 15-46-102 is repealed because the section 33 is obsolete and has been declared unconstitutional in part:

commission be deposited into the State Forestry Fund.

- 35 (a) The county court of any county of this state is authorized to pay
 36 a bounty for each wolf killed within the county when satisfactory proof has

1 been made of the killing of the animals. 2 (b) The State of Arkansas shall pay to any person killing a wolf a 3 bounty in the amount equal to the amount paid to the person by any county in 4 this state under subsection (a) of this section. Payment shall be made from 5 the Came Protection Fund of the Arkansas State Came and Fish Commission. 6 However, the bounty paid by the commission shall not exceed fifteen dollars 7 (\$15.00) for each old wolf and five dollars (\$5.00) for each wolf under six 8 (6) months of age. 9 (c) Upon certification of the county judge certifying to the Secretary 10 of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission that a bounty has been paid 11 for the killing of the wolves to the persons killing the wolves, the 12 secretary of the commission shall approve the claim therefor and shall draw a 13 voucher for the amount approved. The Auditor of State shall issue a warrant 14 for the amount to the person killing the wolves, the claim to be paid to the 15 persons by the county courts not to exceed the amount set out in subsection 16 (b) of this section. 17 (1) However, no claim for a bounty shall be allowed or paid 18 either by the state or county to a nonresident of this state. (2) No payment of a bounty as provided in this section shall be 19 20 paid by either the county or state to any persons employed by the federal 21 government or the State of Arkansas. 22 SECTION 73. Arkansas Code § 17-25-503(a)(2)(A) is amended to read as 23 24 follows to correct the wording of the subdivision: 25 (2)(A)(i) The Governor shall appoint five (5) persons who have 26 at least five (5) years' experience in residential construction. 27 (ii) Two (2) of the five (5) residential 28 construction members shall be appointed from a list of at least ten (10) 29 names submitted by the statewide trade organization or organizations that 30 represent the residential construction industry. 31 (iii) At least one (1) of the five (5) residential 32 construction members shall reside in each congressional district Of the five 33 (5) residential construction members, one (1) member shall be appointed from each of the four (4) congressional districts, and the remaining member shall 34 35 be appointed from the state at large.

1	SECTION 74. Arkansas Code § 17-48-101 is amended to read as follows to
2	repeal language in the section that conflicts with § 14-15-701, which was
3	derived from a later act, and to conform the section to Code style:
4	17-48-101. Definitions.
5	(a) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
6	(1) "Board" means the State Board of Registration for
7	Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors;
8	(2)(A) "Land surveying" means any service comprising the:
9	(i) determination Determination of the location of
10	land boundaries and land boundary corners; and
11	(ii) the preparation Preparation of:
12	(a) plats Plats showing the shape and areas of
13	tracts of land and their subdivision into smaller tracts;
14	(b) the preparation of plats Plats showing the
15	location of streets, roads, and rights-of-way of tracts to give access to
16	smaller tracts; and
17	(c) the preparation of official Official
18	plats, or maps, of land thereof in this state.
19	(B) "Land surveying" shall not include the measure of
20	acreage of timber, cotton, rice, or other agricultural crops; and.
21	(3) "Land surveyor" means any person engaged in the practice of
22	land surveying as defined in this section.
23	$\frac{b}{C}$ A person shall be construed to practice or offer to
24	practice land surveying who:
25	(i) engages Engages in land surveying for others; or
26	(ii) who by By verbal claim, sign, letterhead, card,
27	telephone listing, or in any other way represents himself or herself:
28	(a) to To be a land surveyor; or
29	(b) who represents himself or herself as As
30	able to perform land surveying in this state+; and
31	(3) "Land surveyor" means any person engaged in the practice of
32	land surveying.
33	(c) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the
34	constitutional office of county surveyor when acting in his or her official
35	capacity in the county in which he or she was elected.
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SECTION 75. Arkansas Code § 17-92-205(c)(1) is amended to read as follows to clarify the meaning of the subdivision:

(c)(1) The board's inspectors or other designated agents, upon Upon

- written authorization by the board, the board's inspectors or other
- 5 <u>designated agents shall have authority</u> to conduct oversight activities
- 6 authorized by law, including, but not limited to, audits, investigations,
- 7 inspections, licensure, or disciplinary actions, civil, administrative, or
- 8 criminal proceedings or actions, or other activities necessary for
- 9 appropriate oversight of the regulated activities and may enter any store,
- 10 business establishment, including any hospital pharmacy, or any other
- 11 facility holding a license, permit, or other authority issued by the board
- 12 where drugs, medicines, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, poisons, home medical
- 13 equipment, or services or other objects, services, or activities regulated by
- 14 the board are manufactured, sold, dispensed, or conducted to enforce this
- 15 subchapter, the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, § 5-64-101 et seq., or the
- 16 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, § 20-56-201 et seq.

- SECTION 76. Arkansas Code § 17-95-107(d)(7) is amended to read as follows to remove from the subdivision temporary language the effectiveness of which has expired:
- 21 (7)(A) The board may charge credentialing organizations a 22 reasonable fee for the use of the credentialing service as established by 23 rule and regulation.
- (B) The fee shall be set in consultation with the advisory committee and shall be set at such a rate as will reimburse the board, when added to the credentialing assessments collected from physicians, for the cost of maintaining the credentialing information system.
- 28 (C) The board's costs may not exceed the fees charged by 29 private vendors with a comparable statewide credentialing service.
- 30 (D) Each physician licensee of the board will pay a
 31 credentialing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) per year at the time of the
 32 renewal of the license for the years 2000 and 2001.
- 33 (E)(D) For the year 2002 and each year thereafter, the The
 34 board may assess each physician licensee an amount not to exceed one hundred
 35 dollars (\$100) per year to offset the cost for of providing the credentialing
 36 service.

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2	SECTION 77. Arkansas Code § 18-60-603(c) is amended to read as follows
3	to correct an obsolete reference to "chancery":
4	(c) Proof of the publication of the notice shall be made in the same
5	manner as proof of publication of notices in other chancery circuit court
6	causes.
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8	SECTION 78. Arkansas Code § 19-4-402(1) is amended to read as follows
9	to correct an obsolete reference to "chancery":
10	(1) Circuit and chancery judges;
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12	SECTION 79. Arkansas Code § 19-4-801(1)(B) is amended to read as
13	follows to correct an obsolete reference to chancery courts and judges:
14	(B) The term "state agency" shall not include the
15	Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer of State, Auditor
16	of State, Commissioner of State Lands, the Supreme Court and its justices,
17	the circuit courts and circuit judges, the chancery courts and chancery
18	judges, prosecuting attorneys, the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission,
19	the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, the General
20	Assembly, and the respective staffs of these officers and agencies; and
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22	SECTION 80. Arkansas Code § 19-5-304(2)(A) is amended to read as
23	follows to delete a reference to a repealed code section:
24	(2)(A) Department of Workforce Education Fund Account. The
25	Department of Workforce Education Fund Account shall be used to provide
26	support for those programs placed under the direction of the Director of the
27	Department of Workforce Education as authorized by §§ 6-11-101, 6-11-102, 25-
28	6-101, 25-6-102, 25-6-103 [repealed], and Acts 1981, No. 64, § 4, and any
29	other laws imposing functions, powers, and duties upon the State Board of
30	Workforce Education and Career Opportunities, including, but not necessarily
31	limited to, the following:
32	(i) Vocational, technical, and adult education;
33	(ii) Adult basic education;
34	(iii) Manpower training;
35	(iv) Vocational standards;
36	(v) Industry training programs; and

1 (vi) Those functions, programs, and responsibilities 2 transferred to the Department of Workforce Education as authorized by these 3 statutes. 4 5 SECTION 81. Arkansas Code § 19-5-304(5)(A) is amended to read as 6 follows to delete a reference to a superseded act and to clarify the code 7 sections concerning the powers, functions, and duties of the Arkansas School 8 for the Blind: 9 (5)(A) School for the Blind Fund Account. The School for the 10 Blind Fund Account shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and 11 improvement required by the Arkansas School for the Blind in carrying out 12 those powers, functions, and duties as set out in Acts 1879, No. 64, § 1 [superseded], or other duties imposed by law upon the Arkansas School for the 13 Blind, which was transferred to the Department of Education by §§ 6-11-101, 14 15 6-11-102, and 25-6-102 §§ 6-43-101 et seq. and 6-43-201 et seq. 16 17 SECTION 82. Arkansas Code § 19-5-304(7)(A) is amended to read as follows to change a reference to a repealed subchapter to the subchapter 18 19 which now takes its place: 20 (7)(A) Rehabilitation Services Fund Account. The Rehabilitation 21 Services Fund Account shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and 22 improvement required by the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services of the 23 Department of Workforce Education in carrying out the powers, functions, and 24 duties, as set out in § 6-52-101 et seq., § 20-79-201 et seq., and § 25-6-201et seq. [repealed] 25-30-201 et seq., and for the adult handicapped program 25 26 at the Arkansas Health Center. 27 28 SECTION 83. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1125(b)(1) is amended to read as 29 follows to clarify the ambiguous phrase "upon passage of an act": 30 (b)(1) Upon passage of an act Following the enactment of an act authorizing the memorial or monument by the General Assembly and before 31 32 beginning construction, improvement, or placement, any group or organization 33 that sponsors and pays the cost of the construction, improvement, or 34 placement of a memorial or monument on the State Capitol grounds shall pay 35 into the fund a fee of ten percent (10%) of the cost of the construction, 36 improvement, or placement of the monument or memorial.

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2	SECTION 84. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1222(b) is amended to read as follows
3	to make the subsection consistent with § $6-81-1401$ where the creation of the
4	Nursing Student Loan Revolving Fund is also codified:
5	(b) The fund shall consist of the current assets of the fund, there to
6	be used as may be provided by law The fund shall consist of funds
7	appropriated for the Nursing Student Loan Program, federal funds, gifts,
8	grants, bequests, devises, donations, and general revenues, there to be used
9	by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing for making loans for nursing
10	scholarships.
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12	SECTION 85. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1226(b)(3)(A)(7) is amended to read
13	as follows to clarify the ambiguous phrase "at the time of the passage of
14	this act":
15	(b)(3)(A) An amount not to exceed twenty-five million dollars
16	(\$25,000,000) in the Federal Fiscal Relief Fund may be used to supplement
17	general revenues if required to meet the current forecast of general revenues
18	which is in effect at the time of the passage of this act on February 3,
19	<u>2004</u> .
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21	SECTION 86. Arkansas Code § 19-6-491(b) is amended to read as follows
22	to correct references to code sections and to include language from § 19-6-
23	492 where the Domestic Peace Fund is also codified:
24	(b)(1) $\frac{(A)}{(A)}$ The moneys collected under $\frac{\$ \cdot 16-14-110}{\$ \cdot 16-20-407}$, as
25	designated under $\frac{16-14-110(b)(2)}{5}$ $\frac{16-20-407(b)(2)}{5}$, shall be deposited into
26	the State Treasury to the credit of the fund as special revenue.
27	$\frac{\text{(B)}(2)}{\text{(D)}}$ The moneys designated from § 26-52-107 $\frac{\text{(b)}(1)}{\text{(C)}}$ shall be
28	deposited into the fund as special revenue.
29	$\frac{(2)}{(3)}$ The fund shall also consist of any:
30	(A) Moneys obtained from private grants or other sources
31	that are designated to be credited to the fund; and
32	(B) any other Other revenues as may be authorized by law.
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34	SECTION 87. Arkansas Code § 19-6-492 is repealed because the Domestic
35	Peace Fund is codified at 19-6-491 and the section is duplicative:
36	19-6-492. Domestic Peace Fund - Moneys collected for additional

1 marriage license fee. 2 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the 3 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue 4 fund to be known as the "Domestic Peace Fund". 5 (b)(1) All moneys collected for the additional marriage license fee 6 levied to fund and to be used by the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic 7 Violence Commission as provided under § 9-4-101 et seq. shall be deposited 8 into the State Treasury to the credit of the fund as special revenue; and 9 (2) The fund shall also consist of any other revenues as may be 10 authorized by law. 11 (3) The fund shall also consist of any moneys obtained from 12 private grants or other sources that are designated to be credited to the 13 fund. 14 (c) The fund shall be used exclusively by the commission as provided 15 under the Arkansas Domestic Peace Act, § 9-4-101 et seq. 16 17 SECTION 88. Arkansas Code § 19-10-210(b)(2) is amended to read as follows to correct an obsolete reference to "chancery": 18 19 (2) To the extent practicable, the commission shall adopt the procedure used by the Arkansas chancery circuit courts, and its hearing shall 20 21 be conducted in a judicial manner. 22 23 SECTION 89. Arkansas Code § 19-10-212 is amended to read as follows to 24 make the dollar amount recited in the section consistent with the most recent 25 act affecting the section: 26 19-10-212. Reports of agency liability. 27 It is the intent of the General Assembly that when any state agency, 28 board, commission, or institution of higher education admits liability to a 29 claim filed with the Arkansas State Claims Commission and the claim involves 30 a contract with a state agency, board, commission, or institution of higher education or the claim exceeds seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) 31 32 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), that such the agency, board, commission, or 33 institution of higher education file a written report thereof to the 34 Litigation Reports Oversight Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative 35 Council. Such The report shall include a concise statement of facts with an

explanation of the agency's liability. Provided further, such the report

1 shall be filed with the Litigation Subcommittee subcommittee within thirty 2 (30) days after the claim has been adjudicated by the Arkansas State Claims Commission. 3 4 5 SECTION 90. In order to correct errors, § 20-35-102 is amended to read 6 as follows: 7 20-35-102. Definitions. 8 For purposes of this chapter, "genetic research study or studies" shall 9 mean those genetic research studies approved by an institutional review board 10 as defined in 21 C.F.R., Act Part 50, as it existed on January 1, 2001, or 11 conducted subject to the requirements of the federal common rule at 21 12 C.F.R., Act Part 50 and Act Part 56, and 45 C.F.R., Act Part 46, as existed on January 1, 2001. 13 14 15 SECTION 91. Arkansas Code § 21-1-402(a)(1) is amended to read as 16 follows to delete a reference to an abolished council: (a)(1) Subject to any restrictions or conditions prescribed by the 17 Arkansas Constitution and unless the person resigns prior to entering into 18 19 the employment, no person elected to a constitutional office may, after being elected to the constitutional office and during the term for which elected, 20 21 may enter into employment with: 22 (A) Any state agency; 23 (B) Any public school district of this state in a 24 noncertified position; 25 (C) Any vocational education school funded by the state; 26 <u>or</u> 27 (D) Any education service cooperative; or. 28 (E) The Cooperative Education Services Coordinating 29 Council [abolished]. 30 SECTION 92. Arkansas Code § 21-1-502 is amended to read as follows to 31 32 delete subsection (b), a substantive provision, from a definitions section: 33 (a) For purposes of this subchapter: 34 (1) "Elected public official" means the Governor, Lieutenant 35 Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, Attorney 36 General, Commissioner of State Lands, member of the Senate, and member of the

- 1 House of Representatives;
- 2 (2) "Public employee" means any person providing services for
- 3 the State of Arkansas, counties, municipal corporations, or any other
- 4 political subdivision of this state for which compensation is paid; and
- 5 (3) "Public employer" means the State of Arkansas and each
- 6 political subdivision thereof, as defined in \$ 21-5-603 (b).
- 7 (b) A public employee shall not be prohibited from communicating with 8 an elected public official concerning matters related to the public
- 9 employee's job, except for matters exempted under § 25-19-105.

- SECTION 93. Arkansas Code § 21-1-503 is amended to read as follows to add a new subsection (a) containing the language deleted from 21-1-502 by
- 13 section 91 of this act:
- 14 (a) A public employee shall not be prohibited from communicating with
- 15 <u>an elected public official concerning matters related to the public</u>
- employee's job, except for matters exempted under § 25-19-105.
- $\frac{(a)(b)(1)}{(b)(1)}$ It shall be unlawful for any public employer to discipline,
- 18 to threaten to discipline, to reprimand, either orally or in writing, or to
- 19 place any notation in a public employee's personnel file disciplining or
- 20 reprimanding the employee, or to otherwise to discriminate against a public
- 21 employee because the public employee exercised the right to communicate with
- 22 an elected public official as granted under this subchapter.
- 23 (2) A public employer shall not be prohibited from disciplining
- 24 an employee who has intentionally made untrue allegations to an elected
- 25 official concerning matters related to the public employee's job.
- 26 $\frac{(b)(c)}{(b)}$ Any person willfully violating the provisions of this
- 27 subchapter shall be deemed guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 28 (c) A public employer shall not be prohibited from disciplining an
- 29 employee who has intentionally made untrue allegations to an elected official
- 30 concerning matters related to the public employee's job.

- 32 SECTION 94. Arkansas Code $\S 21-1-609$ is repealed because it is an
- 33 obsolete section:
- 34 <u>21-1-609. Severability of subchapter.</u>
- 35 In the event any provision of this subchapter regarding the remedies or
- 36 damages for public employees in §§ 21-1-604, 21-1-605, or 21-1-606 is held to

1 be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this 2 subchapter which offer protection to public employees from adverse actions by public employers, and to this end the provisions of this subchapter are 3 4 declared to be severable. 5 6 SECTION 95. Arkansas Code § 21-2-115(a) is amended to read as follows 7 to delete a reference to a repealed code section: 8 (a)(1) Any person in the armed forces of the United States who has 9 been granted leave of absence under §§ 21-4-301 — 21-4-304, 21-4-305 $\{\text{repealed}\}$, and 21-4-306 - 21-4-313 may take and subscribe the official oath 10 11 of office required by the Arkansas Constitution and statutes of this state at 12 any time after his or her election and before he or she enters upon the 13 duties of his or her office, before any. (2) The oath may be administered by any officer of this state or 14 15 of any other state or of the United States or of any foreign country who is 16 authorized to administer oaths. 17 SECTION 96. Title 21, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1 of the Arkansas Code 18 19 Annotated of 1987 is amended to add a new section concerning selection 20 service registration of state employment applicants which is also codified at 21 § 6-80-104: 21-3-102. Selective Service registration. 22 23 (a) "Statement of selective service status" means a statement on an 24 application for employment with the State of Arkansas or for admission to any public institution of higher education, sworn under penalty of perjury, that: 25 26 (1) The person filing the certificate is registered with the 27 Selective Service System in accordance with the Military Selective Service 28 Act; or 29 (2) The person filing the certificate is not required to 30 register with the Selective Service System because the person is: 31 (A) Under eighteen (18) years of age; 32 (B) In the armed forces of the United States on active 33 duty, other than in a reserve or national guard unit; 34 (C) An alien lawfully admitted to the United States as a 35 nonimmigrant under Section 101(A)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101, for so long as he or she continues to maintain a lawful 36

1	nonimmigrant status in the United States;
2	(D) A permanent resident of the trust territory of the
3	Pacific Islands or the Northern Mariana Islands; or
4	(E) Excused from registration for other reason provided by
5	federal law and that reason is included in the certificate.
6	(b) No person who is required to register with the Selective Service
7	System shall be eligible for employment by any agency of the State of
8	Arkansas or for admission to any public institution of higher education
9	unless the person has signed a statement of selective service status.
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11	SECTION 97. Arkansas Code § 21-4-502 is repealed because the section
12	is obsolete:
13	21-4-502. Lump sum payment for unused sick leave in 2000.
14	(a)(1) State employees shall be entitled on March 1, 2001, to a lump
15	sum payment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for each day of unused sick
16	leave which was accrued during calendar year 2000.
17	(2)(A) All state agencies subject to this subchapter shall
18	report the average sick leave usage per employee for calendar year 1998 to
19	the Office of Personnel Management of the Division of Management Services of
20	the Department of Finance and Administration no later than thirty (30) days
21	after July 30, 1999, and shall report the average sick leave usage per
22	employee for calendar year 2000 to the Office of Personnel Management no
23	later than February 1, 2001.
24	(B) The office shall calculate the average sick leave
25	usage per state employee during calendar year 2000 based on the best
26	available records and shall report this usage and the percentage of decrease
27	or increase in the average sick leave usage per state employee during
28	calendar year 2000 versus 1998 to the Governor and the House and Senate
29	Committees on State Agencies and Covernmental Affairs no later than March 1,
30	2001.
31	(C)(i) If the average usage for the calendar year 2000
32	decreases at least fifteen percent (15%) compared to calendar year 1998,
33	state employees shall be eligible on March 1, 2001, for a lump sum payment of
34	twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for each day of unused sick leave which was
35	accrued during calendar year 2000.
36	(ii) If the average sick leave usage during calendar

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1 year 2000 decreases by at least twelve percent (12%) but less than fifteen 2 percent (15%) compared to calendar year 1998, the Governor may authorize a lump sum payment of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for each day of unused 3 4 sick leave accrued during calendar year 2000. 5 (iii) If the average sick leave usage did not 6 decrease by at least twelve percent (12%) during calendar year 2000 as 7 compared to calendar year 1998, the lump sum payment shall not be made for 8 that year. 9 (b) Contributions of sick leave to an agency's catastrophic sick leave 10 program shall not reduce the lump sum payment provided by this section. 11 12 SECTION 98. Arkansas Code § 21-5-207(a)(13) is repealed because the 13 subdivision is obsolete: 14 (13) To provide assistance to state agencies or institutions 15 covered by the merit system in the areas of recruitment, testing, and merit 16 placement of applicants under the rules and regulations established for the 17 merit system; 18 (14)(13) To provide assistance to state agencies and 19 institutions in identifying, developing, and maintaining training and 20 resource programs; and 21 (15)(14) To develop and implement, as needed, upon the review of 22 the Legislative Council, rules and regulations to ensure a uniform system of 23 personnel administration within state government. 24 25 SECTION 99. Arkansas Code § 21-5-609(d)(2) is amended to read as 26 follows to clarify the phrase "et cetera": 27 (2) The reimbursement of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or less 28 for out-of-pocket expenses for incurred in response to an emergency situation 29 such as gasoline, oil, uniforms, and required equipment, et cetera or 30 similar expenses incurred in response to an emergency situation shall not be 31 construed to be monetary compensation for the volunteer worker. 32 33 SECTION 100. Arkansas Code § 21-5-703 is amended to read as follows to 34 delete subsection (d) which is obsolete and to delete a reference in the

21-5-703. Procedures for filing claims.

1 (a) All claimants shall be subject to the same rules and regulations 2 as are provided by the law governing procedure before the Arkansas State 3 Claims Commission.

- (b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, all All claims asserted under this subchapter shall be filed within five (5) years of the following:
 - (1) The date of the covered public employee's death;
- 8 (2) The date of the incident causing the covered public 9 employee's total and permanent disability; or

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- 10 (3) The date the covered public employee permanently leaves the l1 employment position covered by this subchapter.
- 12 (c) Unless § 6-82-504(e) is applicable, the commission shall award any scholarship benefit provided by the provisions of § 6-82-501 et seq. at the same time any death benefit or total and permanent disability benefit is awarded under this subchapter.
 - (d) The surviving child of any Arkansas State Highway and
 Transportation Department employee or law enforcement officer who died or
 became totally disabled as described in § 6-82-503 prior to January 1, 1997,
 is entitled to educational benefits under § 6-82-501, et seq., if:
- 20 (1) The claim is filed prior to the child's twenty-first 21 birthday;
- 22 (2) The child would have been entitled to the benefits had the parent's death or disability occurred after August 1, 1997; and
- 24 (3) The claim is filed within thirty (30) calendar days after 25 March 16, 1999.

SECTION 101. Arkansas Code § 21-5-707(d) is amended to read as follows to clarify an ambiguity and make the subsection consistent with subsection (c) of the section:

- 30 (d) In order for a stepchild nineteen (19) years of age or older to be 31 eligible to receive benefits under this subchapter:
- 32 (1) The stepchild must have been listed as a dependent on the 33 covered public employee's federal and state income tax returns in each of <u>the</u> 34 five (5) previous income years; and
- 35 (2) The stepchild must have received more than one-half (1/2) of 36 his or her financial support from the covered public employee in each of the

1	five (5) previous income years.
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3	SECTION 102. Arkansas Code § 21-6-414 is repealed because the section
4	is also codified at § 21-6-413 and it is duplicative:
5	21-6-414. Probate and county matters - Uniform court costs.
6	(a) Uniform court costs are established as follows:
7	Dissolutions of incorporation
8	\$25.00
9	Articles of incorporation25.00
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11	Amendments to articles of incorporation
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13	Filing last will and testament for safekeeping5.00
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15	Authentication certificate5.00
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17	Certify and seal document5.00
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19	Marriage license30.00
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21	Certified copy of marriage license5.00
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23	Underage marriages - Petition and order10.00
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25	Small estates25.00
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27	Assumed names25.00
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29	Limited partnerships25.00
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31	Alcoholics and insane persons25.00
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33	Clerk's tax deed5.00
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35	Recording doctors' and nurses' credentials
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3	Filing affidavit of claim against an estate5.00
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5	Filing power of attorney10.00
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7	Filing and recording all accounts and settlements50.00
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9	Certified copies of all letters5.00
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11	Issuing subpoena or summons5.00
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13	Putting up advertisement of settlement of executors,
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15	administrators, and guardians5.00
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17	Preparing notices of settlements to be published in
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19	paper each month5.00
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21	Filing exceptions5.00
22	(b) With respect to probate matters, this section applies to circuit
23	clerks and any county clerk who serves as ex officio clerk of the probate
24	division of the circuit court.
25	(c) Any fee not specifically provided for in subsection (a) of this
26	section shall be set by the circuit court if it is a probate matter or by the
27	county judge if it is a county court matter.
28	(d) The fee provisions provided for in this section shall be in lieu
29	of any and all fees now established by law.
30	$(e)(1)(\Lambda)$ Fees collected under this section shall be paid into the
31	county treasury to the credit of the fund to be known as the "county clerk's
32	cost fund".
33	(B) With the exception of those funds referred to in
34	subdivision (e)(2) of this section, all funds deposited into the county
35	clerk's cost fund are general revenues of the county and may be used for any
36	legitimate county purpose.

1	$(2)(\Lambda)$ At least thirty-five percent (35%) of the moneys
2	collected annually shall be used to purchase, maintain, and operate an
3	automated records system.
4	(B) The acquisition and update of software for the
5	automated records system shall be a permitted use of these funds.
6	(C) Funds set aside for automation may be allowed to
7	accumulate from year to year or at the discretion of the clerk may be
8	transferred to the county general fund by a budgeted appropriated transfer.
9	(3)(A) In those counties having combined offices of circuit
10	clerk and county clerk, the clerk shall elect to use the automation fund
11	authorized by this section or the automation fund allowed by the county
12	recorder's cost fund, § 21-6-306.
13	(B) The clerk's election shall be made in writing and
14	filed in the office of the circuit clerk.
15	(C) Under no circumstances shall the clerk be allowed to
16	utilize both the automation fund as authorized by § 21-6-306 and the county
17	clerk's cost fund as authorized in this subchapter.
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19	SECTION 103. Arkansas Code § 21-13-108(b) is amended to read as
20	follows to clarify that volunteers in state service enjoy the protection of
21	the state's sovereign immunity to the same extent as paid staff:
22	(b) Volunteers in state service $\frac{may}{may}$ shall enjoy the protection of the
23	state's sovereign immunity to the same extent as paid staff.
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25	SECTION 104. Arkansas Code § 21-14-107(b)(2) is amended to read as
26	follows to clarify the requirements for a notary public's seal:
27	(2) The seal should shall include:
28	(A) The notary public's name exactly as he or she writes
29	his or her official signature;
30	(B) The name of the county where the notary public's bond
31	is filed;
32	(C) The words "notary public" and "Arkansas"; and
33	(D) The date upon which the notary public's notary
34	expires.
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36	SECTION 105. Arkansas Code § 23-18-531(c) is amended to read as

1 follows to clarify the language of the subsection:

(c) In the event an authority purchases or acquires all or part of an existing generation facility from an entity other than another authority or a municipal electric utility and the entity paid taxes or made payments in lieu of taxes to a political subdivision of the state, the authority purchasing or acquiring the facility shall make payments in lieu of taxes at a rate no less than the rate at which the entity from which the facility is purchased or acquired paid taxes, or made payments in lieu of taxes, would have otherwise been obligated to make payment pay.

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SECTION 106. Arkansas Code § 23-52-104 is amended to read as follows to remove from the section language that was declared unconstitutional by the Arkansas Supreme Court:

23-52-104. Permissible check-casher fees.

- 15 (a) A check-casher may charge a reasonable fee to defray operational 16 costs incurred in the check-cashing business, including without limitation:
- 17 (1) Investigating the checking account and copying required 18 documents;
 - (2) Photographing the person signing the check;
- 20 (3) Securing check and customer records in a safe, fire-proof 21 fireproof place;
 - (4) Maintaining records as required by this chapter;
- 23 (5) Maintaining required capital and liquidity; and
- 24 (6) Processing, documenting, and closing the check-cashing or deferred-deposit transactions.
 - (b) The fee, when made and collected, shall not be deemed interest for any purpose of law, and a check cashing transaction, including one (1) with a deferred presentment option, shall not be and shall not be deemed to be a loan, loan contract, or a contract for the payment of interest notwithstanding any disclosures required by this chapter.
- 31 (e)(b) The fees authorized by this section shall not exceed the
 32 following, unless Unless otherwise authorized by this chapter, the fees
 33 authorized by this section shall not exceed the following:
- 34 (1) For the service of selling currency or check in exchange for 35 checks, without regard to whether a deferred presentment option is involved:
- 36 (A) A fee not to exceed five percent (5%) of the face

- 1 amount of the check, if $\frac{\text{the}}{\text{the}}$ check is the payment of any kind of state
- 2 public assistance or federal social security benefit payable to the bearer of
- 3 such the check or such the check is otherwise a check issued by a federal or
- 4 state governmental entity;
- 5 (B) A fee not in excess of ten percent (10%) of the face
- 6 amount of any personal check or money order; or
- 7 (C) A fee not in excess of six percent (6%) of the face
- 8 amount of the check in the case of all other checks. Such \underline{a} fee may be
- 9 collected separately or by paying the customer an amount of money equal to
- 10 the face amount of the check less the appropriate fee under this chapter;
- 11 (2) For a deferred presentment option which involves a personal
- 12 check, an additional fee not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) may be charged by
- 13 a check-casher; and
- 14 (3) In addition to the foregoing fees, a check-casher may charge
- 15 a fee of no more than five dollars (\$5.00) to set up an initial customer
- 16 account and issue an optional identification card for providing check-cashing
- 17 services. A replacement optional identification card may be issued at a cost
- 18 not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00).

- 20 SECTION 107. Arkansas Code § 23-63-1606(c) is amended to read as
- 21 follows to clarify the language of the subsection:
- 22 (c) A captive insurance company may not have less than shall have at
- 23 least one (1) incorporator.

- SECTION 108. Arkansas Code § 23-75-111(a)(4) is amended to read as
- 26 follows to clarify the wording of the subdivision:
- 27 (4)(A) Upon the commissioner's review of an application at any time by
- 28 the commissioner of an application, if the applicant requests a hearing, the
- 29 commissioner shall hold a hearing, if requested by the applicant before
- 30 issuing an order of disapproval. hold a hearing upon The applicant shall be
- 31 given not less than ten (10) days' written notice of the hearing., specifying
- 32 The notice shall specify the matters to be considered at the hearing, to the
- 33 corporation which makes the application, and if,.
- 34 (B) If after the hearing provided by subdivision (a)(4)(A)
- 35 of this section the commissioner finds that the application or a part thereof
- does not meet the requirements of this code, he or she the commissioner shall

- l issue an order specifying in what respects he or she finds that it so fails.
- 2 Notice thereof shall immediately be served on the applicant, either
- 3 personally or by mail. Within thirty (30) days before after the date of such
- 4 a notice, the applicant may apply to the Pulaski County Circuit Court to show
- 5 cause why the action of the commissioner should not be set aside and the
- 6 application approved.

- 8 SECTION 109. Arkansas Code \S 23-79-514 is removed from the Arkansas
- 9 Code because the section consists of temporary language, and the Arkansas
- 10 Code Revision Commission is directed to place the language of the former
- 11 section in a note to Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 5:
- 12 23-79-514. Study of pool by interim committees.
- 13 The Senate Interim Committee on Insurance and Commerce and the House
- 14 Interim Committee on Insurance and Commerce shall conduct a study of the
- 15 Arkansas Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool for the purpose of determining
- 16 alternative permanent funding sources for the deficits incurred by the pool
- 17 in the future.

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- 19 SECTION 110. Arkansas Code \S 23-91-221 is amended to read as follows
- 20 to update the language of the section:
- 21 23-91-221. Professional ethics.
- 22 The Insurance Commissioner shall report to the Attorney General for
- 23 reference to the Arkansas Supreme Court any information which the
- 24 commissioner considers to be of substance and of possible violation of the
- 25 Code of Professional Responsibility Model Rules of Professional Conduct as
- 26 adopted by the Arkansas Supreme Court.

- 28 SECTION 111. Arkansas Code 23-97-213(a) is amended to read as follows
- 29 to clarify the wording of the subsection:
- 30 (a)(1) A long-term care insurance applicant, policyholder, or
- 31 certificate holder shall have the right to return the policy or certificate
- 32 within thirty (30) days of its delivery and to have the entire premium
- 33 refunded if, after examination of the policy or certificate, the applicant,
- 34 policyholder, or certificate holder is not satisfied for any reason.
- 35 (2)(A) Long-term care insurance policies and certificates shall
- 36 be accompanied by a notice prominently printed on the first page or attached

- thereto stating in substance that the applicant, policyholder, or certificate 1
- 2 holder shall have the right to return the policy or certificate within thirty
- 3 (30) days of its delivery and to have the entire premium refunded if, after
- 4 examination of the policy or certificate, other than a certificate issued
- pursuant to a policy issued to a group defined in § 23-97-203(4)(A), the 5
- 6 applicant, or the policyholder, or certificate holder is not satisfied for
- 7 any reason.
- 8 (B) If an application for a qualified long-term care
- 9 contract is denied, the issuer shall refund to the applicant any premium and
- any other fee submitted by the applicant within thirty (30) days of the 10
- 11 denial.

- SECTION 112. Arkansas Code § 24-11-212(e) is amended to read as 13
- 14 follows to clarify that the language of the subsection is to be understood as
- 15 an imperative command:
- 16 (e) At the time that there are no longer any members covered by local
- 17 police and fire pension and relief funds, any remainder of the future
- supplement funds would shall be transferred to the Arkansas Local Police and 18
- 19 Fire Retirement System.

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- 21 SECTION 113. Arkansas Code § 25-36-104 is amended to read as follows
- 22 to clarify the language of the section:
- 23 25-36-104. Data recording and tracking.
- 24 (a)(1)(A) The State Procurement Director shall track data regarding
- 25 minority participation in state contracts that exceed twenty-five thousand
- 26 dollars (\$25,000).
- 27 (B) The director shall promulgate rules.
- 28 (2) The data shall include, but not be limited to, information
- 29 regarding:
- 30 (A) The dollar amount for each contract awarded to a
- 31 minority-owned business;
- 32 The total dollar amount spent on contracts by each (B)
- 33 state agency; and
- 34 (C) The number and percentage of minority-owned businesses
- 35 awarded contracts by the agency.
- 36 (b) The director shall report the data required under subsection (a)

- 1 of this section semiannually to the Governor and to the cochairs of the
- 2 Legislative Council and to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and the
- 3 Minority Business Advisory Council.
- 4 (c)(1) Each state agency shall include in its budget report to the
- 5 Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding
- 6 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) awarded to minority-owned businesses.
- 7 (2) The vice president or vice chancellor for finance of each
- 8 state college and university shall include in his or her budget report to the
- 9 Joint Budget Committee a listing of all contracts in amounts exceeding
- twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) awarded to minority-owned businesses.
- 11 (d) The director shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for
- 12 the implementation of this chapter.

- SECTION 114. Arkansas Code § 26-18-1003(a)(1) is amended to read as
- 15 follows to make the subdivision consistent with the requirements of 26-18-
- 16 1002(i):
- 17 (a)(1) If the decision of the hearing officer under § 26-18-1002 is to
- 18 affirm the closure of the business, the decision shall be submitted in
- 19 writing and delivered by mail the United States Postal Service or by hand to
- 20 the noncompliant taxpayer.

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- 22 SECTION 115. Arkansas Code § 26-57-1206(d) is amended to read as
- 23 follows to clarify the phrases "e.g." and "etc.":
- 24 (d) Any sales made by the operator of a coin-operated vending device
- 25 that are made without the use of a vending device, e.g., for example, office
- 26 coffee service, manual hot foods lines, catering events, etc., and other
- 27 similar sales, shall be subject to the state and local gross receipts or
- 28 sales taxes levied pursuant to the provisions of the Arkansas Gross Receipts
- 29 Act of 1941, § 26-52-101 et seq., any provision of Chapters 74 and 75 of
- 30 Title 26 § 26-74-101 et seq., 26-75-101 et seq., or any other provision of the
- 31 Arkansas Code that provides for the levy of a local sales tax.

- 33 SECTION 116. Arkansas Code § 28-2-206(b)(4) is amended to read as
- 34 follows to add essential language that was inadvertently omitted when § 28-2-
- 35 206 was enacted:
- 36 (4) Held Upon the disclaimer of a preceding interest, a future

1 interest held by a person other than the disclaimant takes effect as if the 2 disclaimant had died or ceased to exist immediately before the time of 3 distribution, but a future interest held by the disclaimant is not 4 accelerated in possession or enjoyment. 5 6 SECTION 117. Arkansas Code § 28-65-503(b) is amended to clarify the 7 meaning of the subsection by adding a reference that appears throughout the 8 rest of the section: 9 (b) In the event the moneys or other property of the minor or 10 incompetent person accumulate to a total value of five hundred dollars (\$500) 11 or more, the suitable person shall immediately report that fact to the 12 circuit court. 13 SECTION 118. Arkansas Code § 28-70-104(f) is amended to read as 14 15 follows to add essential language that was inadvertently omitted when § 28-16 70-104 was enacted: 17 (f) Terms of a trust that limit the power of a trustee to make an adjustment between principal and income do not affect the application of this 18 section unless it is clear from the terms of the trust that the terms are 19 intended to deny the trustee the power of adjustment conferred by subsection 20 21 (a). 22 23 SECTION 119. The enactment and adoption of this act shall not repeal, 24 expressly or impliedly, the acts passed at the regular session of the 85th General Assembly. All such acts shall have full effect and, so far as those 25 26 acts intentionally vary from or conflict with any provision contained in this 27 Act, those acts shall have the effect of subsequent acts and as amending or 28 repealing the appropriate parts of the Arkansas Code of 1987. 29 30 SECTION 120. Uncodified Section 18 of Act 1022 of 2005 is amended to read as follows: 31 32 Section 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the 33 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that for the effective administration of this act and to avoid undue harm to the members and benefit 34 35 recipients of the Arkansas District Judge Retirement System that this act 36 should become effective on July 1, 2005 immediately. Therefore, an emergency

1 is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the 2 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on: 3 The date of its approval by the Governor; 4 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, 5 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the 6 bill; or 7 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is 8 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto. 9 SECTION 121. Arkansas Code § 5-78-101 is repealed because the subject 10 11 matter of the statute is more comprehensively covered by § 5-27-227: 12 5-78-101. Possession, purchase, or use of cigarettes or other tobacco 13 products by minor. 14 (a) It is unlawful for a person under eighteen (18) years of age, 15 unless acting as an agent of his or her employer within the scope of 16 employment, to possess, purchase, or use any cigarettes or other tobacco 17 products. (b) Persons under eighteen (18) years of age may be enlisted to assist 18 19 an authorized agent or representative of a state or local law enforcement 20 authority, the Arkansas Tobacco Control Board, the Department of Health, or 21 other state governmental agency in testing compliance with laws relating to 22 the prohibition of the sale of tobacco in any form or cigarette papers to 23 minors, provided: 24 (1) The testing is conducted under the direction or supervision 25 of an authorized agent or representative of a state or local law enforcement 26 authority, the Arkansas Tobacco Control Board, the Department of Health, or 27 other governmental agency monitoring illegal sales of tobacco to minors; and 28 (2) Written parental or legal guardian's consent has been 29 provided after the consenting parent or guardian has received from the 30 testing entity written information about the duties which such persons under eighteen (18) years of age will be asked to perform and the methods and 31 32 procedures to be employed in carrying out such duties. 33 SECTION 122. Arkansas Code § 23-81-304(d) as added to the section by 34 35 Acts 2005, No. 506, § 42, is amended to correct a date to be consistent with

other dates in the 2005 act as follows:

1	(d) On and after July \pm 15, 2006, the minimum values as specified in
2	§§ 23-81-305 - 23-81-308 and 23-81-310 of any paid-up annuity, cash
3	surrender, or death benefits available under an annuity contract shall be
4	based upon minimum nonforfeiture amounts as defined in subsections (e) and
5	(f) of this section.
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