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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE STATE HIGHWAY
9 SYSTEM AND LOCAL ROADS BY REQUIRING THE INSPECTION OF
10 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE STATE
15 HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND LOCAL ROADS BY
16 REQUIRING THE INSPECTION OF TRAFFIC
17 ACCIDENT REPORTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-53-207(b), concerning the tabulation and
23 analysis of traffic accident reports, is amended to read as follows:

24 (b) After ~~its~~ collecting the data required by subsection (a) of this
25 section, annual report on the number and circumstances of traffic accidents,
26 ~~the department~~ Department of Arkansas State Police shall further report to
27 the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department ~~the location of the~~
28 data collected and maintained by the Department of Arkansas State Police
29 relating to all accidents occurring within the preceding twelve-month period
30 on the state highway system and local roads ~~which resulted in a human~~
31 ~~fatality and where two (2) or more accidents involving a personal bodily~~
32 ~~injury occurred at the same location.~~
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-53-211 is amended to read as follows:

35 27-53-211. Inspection of accident ~~scenes~~ reports for safety
36 improvements.



1 (a)(1) It ~~shall be~~ is the duty of the Arkansas State Highway and
 2 Transportation Department to inspect all the data collected and maintained
 3 relating to an accident locations on the state highway system in Arkansas, as
 4 reported to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department by the
 5 Department of Arkansas State Police pursuant to under § 27-53-207(b), ~~where~~
 6 ~~accidents which resulted in a human fatality occurred within the preceding~~
 7 ~~twelve month period and where two (2) or more accidents involving a personal~~
 8 ~~bodily injury occurred at the same location.~~

9 (2) The inspections shall determine, within the judgment of
 10 Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department personnel, whether
 11 safety improvements, increased visibility, warning signs, traffic control
 12 devices, or any other safety improvements are ~~warranted~~ necessary which could
 13 reduce or prevent the future occurrence of ~~any~~ similar accidents at the same
 14 locations.

15 (b) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department shall
 16 develop a schedule for and implement those safety improvements ~~deemed~~
 17 ~~warranted~~ considered necessary by ~~that department~~ the Arkansas State Highway
 18 and Transportation Department under subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

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