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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2198

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFORM DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM TO
10 LOCATE VETERANS IN ARKANSAS TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE
11 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY
12 FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CREATE A UNIFORM DATA COLLECTION
16 SYSTEM TO LOCATE VETERANS IN ARKANSAS TO
17 ENSURE APPROPRIATE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED
18 FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 81, Subchapter 1, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 20-81-113. To create a uniform data collection system.

27 (a) The Department of Veterans Affairs may establish a uniform data
28 collection system to locate veterans and military families to determine need
29 and direct appropriate services to veterans and military families in this
30 state.

31 (b) All instrumentalities of state government shall:

32 (1) Cooperate with the Department of Veterans Affairs to
33 implement the Uniform Data Collection System;

34 (2) Supply the information requested by the department to
35 implement the system; and

36 (3) Ask each applicant for and recipient of government services



1 if he or she has ever served in the military.

2 (B) If an applicant for or a recipient of government
3 services states that they have served in the military, the instrumentality of
4 the state government shall:

5 (i) Attempt to collect all information requested by
6 the department to be collected; and

7 (ii) Provide the information obtained to the
8 department.

9 (c) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

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