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A Bill

SENATE BILL 343

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING A WRITTEN REPORT
10 ON COSTS SAVINGS BY CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENTS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING A WRITTEN
16 REPORT ON COSTS SAVINGS BY CABINET-LEVEL
17 DEPARTMENTS.
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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 Arkansas Code § 25-43-112 is repealed.

23 ~~25-43-112. Identification of cost savings—Written report—~~

24 ~~Definitions.~~

25 ~~(a) As used in this section:~~

26 ~~(1) “Appropriation classifications” means the appropriation~~
27 ~~classifications and subclassifications under §§ 19-4-520—19-4-525;~~

28 ~~(2) “Cash expenditure” means an expenditure made from the~~
29 ~~governmental income of a cabinet-level department held by the Treasurer of~~
30 ~~State or a financial institution, regardless of the classification of the~~
31 ~~governmental income under § 19-6-108; and~~

32 ~~(3) “Cost savings” means any reduction in cash expenditures in a~~
33 ~~fiscal year as compared to cash expenditures in the immediately preceding~~
34 ~~fiscal year.~~

35 ~~(b)(1) No later than August 1 of each year, a cabinet-level department~~
36 ~~shall submit a written report to the following:~~



- 1 ~~(A) The Governor;~~
- 2 ~~(B) The Secretary of the Department of Transformation and~~
- 3 ~~Shared Services; and~~
- 4 ~~(C) Arkansas Legislative Audit.~~

5 ~~(2) The written report under subdivision (b)(1) of this section~~
 6 ~~shall be prepared in a format approved by the Legislative Joint Auditing~~
 7 ~~Committee and include the following items:~~

- 8 ~~(A) Cash expenditures for the fiscal year just ended,~~
- 9 ~~categorized by appropriation classifications;~~
- 10 ~~(B) Cash expenditures for the fiscal year immediately~~
- 11 ~~prior to the fiscal year just ended, categorized by appropriation~~
- 12 ~~classifications;~~
- 13 ~~(C) The calculated difference between cash expenditures~~
- 14 ~~for the fiscal year just ended and the fiscal year immediately prior to the~~
- 15 ~~fiscal year just ended, categorized by appropriation classifications;~~
- 16 ~~(D) A specific itemization of cost savings; and~~
- 17 ~~(E) For each cost savings itemized in the report, an~~
- 18 ~~identification and explanation of the cause of the cost savings, specifying~~
- 19 ~~whether the cost savings results from the implementation of this chapter or~~
- 20 ~~another cause.~~

21 ~~(3) A cabinet level department shall retain documentation for~~
 22 ~~the cost savings itemized in its written report that is sufficient to permit~~
 23 ~~an audit or review by Arkansas Legislative Audit.~~

24 ~~(c) Arkansas Legislative Audit shall:~~

- 25 ~~(1) Review each written report under subsection (b) of this~~
- 26 ~~section;~~
- 27 ~~(2) Conduct any procedures deemed necessary to verify the~~
- 28 ~~contents of each written report; and~~
- 29 ~~(3) Submit a written report of its review to:~~
- 30 ~~(A) The Legislative Joint Auditing Committee;~~
- 31 ~~(B) The cochairs of the Legislative Council or, if the~~
- 32 ~~General Assembly is in regular, fiscal, or extraordinary session, the~~
- 33 ~~cochairs of the Joint Budget Committee;~~
- 34 ~~(C) The Governor; and~~
- 35 ~~(D) The secretary.~~

36 **APPROVED: 3/16/23**

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