

ARKANSAS SENATE

94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023

Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 71

TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION OR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
AND OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES.

Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 71

Amend Senate Bill No. 71 as engrossed S2/9/23 (version: 2/9/2023 12:07:28 PM):

Page 12, delete line 11, and substitute the following:

~~"explain the circumstances preventing minority inclusion."~~

SECTION 22. DO NOT CODIFY. Report to Legislative Council.

(a) All state agencies shall begin developing a plan to implement this act immediately upon the effective date of this act.

(b)(1) If a state agency has not complied with this act within six (6) months of the effective date of this act, the state agency shall submit a detailed compliance plan to the Legislative Council or its appropriate subcommittee within six (6) months of the effective date of this act stating the:

(A) Steps the state agency will take to comply with this act;

(B) Estimated time needed for the state agency to implement changes necessary to comply with this act;

(C) Individual responsible for overseeing the implementation of this act; and

(D) Description of the steps the state agency is taking to address any failure to comply with this act.

(2) The executive head of each state agency shall appear before the Legislative Council or its appropriate subcommittee at the time the compliance plan in subdivision (b)(1) of this section is submitted and provide the following information:

(A) Whether the state agency has been successful in complying with the requirements of subdivision (b)(1) of this section;

(B) An update on the current status of the necessary changes;

(C) The ongoing steps the state agency is taking to address any failure to comply with this act; and

(D) The anticipated date for when the state agency shall be in full compliance with this act.



(3) If the state agency has not been successful in complying with this act within nine (9) months of the appearance before the Legislative Council or its appropriate subcommittee required in subdivision (b)(2) of this section:

(A) The executive head of the state agency shall appear before the Legislative Council; and

(B) The state agency shall provide an updated report and compliance plan to the Legislative Council or its appropriate subcommittee, including the anticipated date of compliance.

(c)(1) If after one (1) year from the effective date of this act a state agency has not complied fully with this act, in addition to the executive head of the state agency, the cabinet-level department secretary overseeing that state agency shall also appear before the Legislative Council or its appropriate subcommittee to provide an update.

(2) After the appearance under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, every three (3) months until the state agency reaches full compliance with this act, the executive head of the state agency and the cabinet-level department secretary overseeing that state agency shall:

(A) Appear before the Legislative Council or its appropriate subcommittee; and

(B) Provide an updated report and compliance plan to the Legislative Council or its appropriate subcommittee, including the anticipated date of compliance.

(3) A cabinet-level department secretary is in violation of this act if the secretary fails to be in full compliance with this act within twenty-four (24) months of sine die adjournment of the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly meeting in regular session."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator D. Sullivan

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Secretary