

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill:** HB1519

**Bill Subtitle:** TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016 REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA COMMISSION.

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### **Basic Change :**

#### **Sponsor: Representative House**

Amends the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 to provide that the Medical Marijuana Commission would be organized within the Department of Finance and Administration.

### **Revenue Impact :**

None.

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

None.

### **Resources Required :**

None.

### **Time Required :**

None.

### **Procedural Changes :**

None.

### **Other Comments :**

None.

### **Legal Analysis :**

HB1519 amends the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 ("Amendment") by providing that the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission ("Commission") will be located within the Department of Finance and Administration ("Department"). Currently, the Amendment creates the Commission and provides that initial staffing be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration – Alcoholic Beverage Control Division ("ABC"). Revising the Amendment such that the Commission operates under the Department allows for the Department to provide support, create staffing, and better direct funding to the Commission. Additionally, it places the Commission as a parallel to ABC, which also operates under the Department.