

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2078

By: Representative Webb

Filed with: Interim Joint Committee on Energy  
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH ENERGY AUDITS; TO FINANCE THE WEATHERIZATION AND THE INSTALLATION OF AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURE; TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WORKFORCE TO PERFORM ENERGY AUDITS AND TO MAKE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS; TO FACILITATE OTHER WEATHERIZATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH ENERGY AUDITS, WEATHERIZATION, AND THE INSTALLATION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AND TO PROMOTE A WORKFORCE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-10-205(a)(10), concerning the duties and responsibilities of the Arkansas Energy Office, is amended to read as follows:

(10)(A) Developing and administering conservation programs



1 directed toward reducing wasteful, inefficient uses of energy.

2 (B) If federal funds are made available for the office to  
3 administer under subdivision (a)(10)(A) of this section and it is not  
4 otherwise prohibited, the office shall develop a program that allows a person  
5 who resides in this state to:

6 (i) Apply for financial assistance to:

7 (a) Perform an energy efficiency audit on his  
8 or her residence or business; or

9 (b) Finance all or a portion of the cost of  
10 the installation of an energy efficiency measure or the weatherization of a  
11 home or building;

12 (ii) Promote the development of a workforce to  
13 perform energy audits and make energy efficiency improvements to homes and  
14 buildings; and

15 (iii) Facilitate access to other programs or  
16 services for the installation and the financing of weatherization and energy  
17 efficiency measures in a home or building;

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19 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-10-205(b), concerning the authority of  
20 the Arkansas Energy Office, is amended to add a subdivision that reads as  
21 follows:

22 (b) The office shall have the authority to:

23 (1) Provide comments before state and federal bodies in energy  
24 matters relevant to Arkansas;

25 (2) Receive and expend funds obtained from the federal  
26 government or other sources by means of contracts, grants, awards, payment  
27 for services, and other devices in support of energy-related programs,  
28 studies, or other operations beneficial to the State of Arkansas;

29 (3) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose  
30 of implementing and prescribing enforcement for thermal and lighting  
31 efficiency standards for new building construction;

32 (4) Propose programs for the implementation of thermal and  
33 lighting efficiency improvements for all buildings owned by the state and  
34 prescribe reasonable thermal and lighting efficiency criteria applicable to  
35 the leasing of buildings by all state agencies; and

36 (5) Promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of:

1                    (A) Administering ~~administering~~ emergency plans as  
2 referred to in subdivision (a)(4) of this section; and

3                    (B) Implementing subdivisions (a)(10) and (b)(2) of this  
4 section.

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