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2 State of Arkansas

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 2240

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10 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERSONS
12 EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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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 10, Chapter 2, Subchapter 3, is amended*
25 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

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27 *10-2-309. State Employee – Sworn testimony required – Oath.*

28 *(a)(1) As used in this section, "state employee" means a public*
29 *servant or other person who performs full time or part time service for*
30 *wages, salary, or other remuneration paid by the state.*

31 *(2) "State employee" does not include an elected official.*

32 *(b) A state employee who testifies under subpoena or voluntarily*
33 *before a committee of the General Assembly shall swear or affirm an oath to*
34 *tell the truth before testifying.*

35 *(c) The state employee shall:*

36 *(1) Raise his or her right hand; and*

1 (2) Answer the question, "Do you swear or affirm that the
2 testimony you are about to give before the General Assembly or committee or
3 subcommittee of the General Assembly is the truth, the whole truth, and
4 nothing but the truth?".

5 (d)(1) If a state employee will testify on more than one (1) occasion
6 or before more than one (1) committee during a legislative session, the
7 person may swear or affirm the oath one (1) time for the term of the
8 legislative session.

9 (2) A state employee who has previously sworn or affirmed the
10 oath under this section during the term of the legislative session shall
11 advise the chair of the committee before testimony that he or she is
12 testifying under oath.

13 (e) A state employee is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if he or she
14 knowingly gives false testimony to a committee of the General Assembly after
15 affirming the oath under this section.

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Referred by the Arkansas House of Representatives

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