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HOUSE BILL 1352

By: Representatives Mills and Mullenix

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ACT 277 OF 1983 [ARK. STAT. 4-1019] TO REQUIRE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEES TO HOLD HEARINGS AND MAKE RECOMENDATIONS ON AGENCY BUDGET REQUESTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Act 277 of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statutes 4-1019, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. (A) In addition to the laws and procedures now established for the preparation of biennial budget requests by State agencies and the filing of the same with the Department of Finance and Administration, the Governor, and the Legislative Council for consideration prior to the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly, each State agency, department, board, commission, program, or service which received an appropriation at the preceding session of the General Assembly shall prepare a preliminary budget request and file the same with the Bureau of Legislative Research on or before the 15th day of July preceding the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly for consideration by the appropriate Joint Interim Committee at hearings to be held thereon during the months of August and September preceding the convening of the Legislative Council biennial budget hearings.

(B) Upon receipt of such budget requests, the Bureau of Legislative Research shall cause copies thereof to be prepared and furnished to the members of the germane Joint Interim Committees and shall confer with the Cochairmen of said Committees in scheduling hearings during the months of August and September preceding the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly for

consideration of the budget requests by said Committees. Such budget requests shall be prepared upon forms prepared by the Bureau of Legislative Research in cooperation with the Budget Division of the Department of Finance and Administration and approved by the respective Joint Interim Committees. Insofar as possible, the forms upon which preliminary budget requests shall be presented shall be the same as forms used in preparing biennial budget requests for presentaion to the Legislative Council.

(C) For the purposes of this Section, agency budget requests shall be presented to the Joint Interim Committee which had the responsibility for making the Sunset Review of such agency, as provided by law.

(D) Each Joint Interim Committee shall hold hearings on agency budget requests and may require the department head, disbursing officer, or other officials of the State agency presenting the budget request for consideration by the Committee, to be present at such hearings to answer questions and furnish information requested by the Committee.

(E) Upon conclusion of its hearings, the Joint Interim Committees shall make such recommendations to the State agency, the Governor and the Legislative Council in regard to each such preliminary budget request as the Committees may deem appropriate, to be considered by the Governor and the Legislative Council during their review and action on such budget requests prior to the convening of the General Assembly. The Cochairmen of the Joint Interim Committees shall communicate the Committees' recommendations to the Legislative Council in writing.

(F) Following the Legislative Council's consideration and action on State agency budget requests, the respective Joint Interim Committees may request the staff of the Bureau of Legislative Research to furnish copies of the action of the Legislative Council on each such request, to be filed with the Committees for their information and review."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

