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By: Senator Yates

SENATE BILL 281

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21 OF ACT 511 OF 1973 AS AMENDED
[ARK. STAT. 11-1954] EMERGENCY SERVICES ACT, TO AUTHORIZE THE
DIRECTOR TO ADOPT A UNIFORM, BADGE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 21 of Act 511 of 1973, as amended, the same being
Arkansas Statute 11-1954, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 21. (a) No person shall be employed or associated in any capacity in any emergency services organization established under this Act who advocates or has advocated a change by force or violence in the constitutional form of the Government of the United States or in this State or the overthrow of any government in the United States by force or violence, or who has been convicted or is under indictment or information charging any subversive act against the United States. Each person who is appointed to serve in the organization for emergency services shall, before entering upon his duties, take an oath, in writing, before a person authorized to administer oaths in this State, which oath shall be substantially as follows:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter."

(b) The Director of the State Office of Emergency Services and persons he may designate from the State and local Offices of Emergency Services staffing patterns shall be sworn public safety officers as defined and limited by this

Act. Determination of the need for such designation shall be based on their responsibilities in mitigation of, planning for, response to and recovery from disasters or major emergency occurrences and for public safety communications operations.

(c) The Director of the State Office of Emergency Services shall determine what is to constitute the official uniform, badge and identification card of the Office of Emergency Services. Provided, the uniform shall include a badge and an identification card both of which shall bear the words, "State of Arkansas Office of Emergency Services." The identification card shall contain a full-face picture of the personnel to whom it is issued and such other information as the Director shall require.

(d) All personnel of the Office of Emergency Services shall carry their badge and identification card and display such at such times and places as designated and required by the State Office of Emergency Services. The State Office of Emergency Services may also designate at which times the uniform, if any adopted hereunder, is to be worn."

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

