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By: Representatives Thicksten, J. Miller and Cabe

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE ACT OF 1985 TO REQUIRE EACH COOPERATIVE TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVE'S EMPLOYMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES; TO SUBJECT SUCH COOPERATIVE TO AN ANNUAL AUDIT BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. 6-13-1020 of the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6-13-1020. (a) (1) The policies and procedures for each Education Service Cooperative shall be filed with and approved by the State Board of Education. This report shall be filed on or before June 1st of each year and shall contain, but is not limited to, a record of the cooperative's employment policies and practices for the year. This annual employment record must include the race and sex of each person employed or terminated during the year by the cooperative and the race and sex of every person who sought employment with the cooperative during the year. The employment report must further disclose each person employed by the cooperative during the year who is related by blood or marriage to another employee or board member of the cooperative.

(2) Reports of receipts and expenditures shall also be filed with the State Board of Education on forms provided and time schedules set by the Director of General Education. These reports shall contain, but not be limited to, an itemization of administrative and programmatic expenditures. Expenditures shall be reported in accordance with uniform accounting procedures adopted by the Department.

(3) Education Service Cooperatives shall be subject to annual audits by the Legislative Audit Committee.

(b) In an annual meeting of the board of directors which must be convened between May 15 and July 15, the Education Service Cooperatives shall report to their constituent school districts on the year's operations. Such reports shall be supplemented with written reports to each district and to the Department of Education on a school-by-school, service-by-service accounting basis. Any balances in particular service accounts must be apportioned and returned to the schools involved or credited to their accounts for the following year."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

