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For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF ARKANSAS DRUG CONTROL IN  
THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. There is created within the Office of the Attorney General a  
Drug Control Division.

SECTION 2. (a) The director of this division shall be known as the  
Arkansas Drug Director and shall be appointed by the Attorney General.

(b) The Arkansas Drug Director shall appoint such assistants,  
investigators, and professional and clerical staff as are necessary for the  
efficient operation of the Drug Control Division.

(c) The Arkansas Drug Director shall also appoint an Arkansas Drug  
Prevention Coordinator who shall coordinate the statewide activities directed  
specifically at drug prevention as the key to reduce the demand for drugs.

SECTION 3. The Drug Control Division shall coordinate statewide  
anti-drug efforts involving federal and state law enforcement, and drug  
education and prevention. The Drug Control Division shall also coordinate and  
encourage private sector initiatives in the area of drug education and  
prevention.

SECTION 4. The Drug Control Division shall have the following functions,  
powers and duties:

(a) All federal money received by the State of Arkansas for drug law  
enforcement, education or prevention shall be channeled through the Drug

Control Division for disbursement, accountability and evaluation.

(b) The Drug Control Division shall fund all school based drug education, prevention and awareness programs and efforts and shall account for all disbursements and shall evaluate each program funded.

(c) The Drug Control Division shall develop community based prevention councils to plan and coordinate prevention activities, promote innovative programs, develop stable funding sources and disseminate current information. These councils shall be racially balanced and shall include at least one (1) representative from each of the following groups:

- (1) One (1) law enforcement officer;
- (2) One (1) school board member;
- (3) One (1) school administrator;
- (4) One (1) school teacher;
- (5) One (1) parent;
- (6) One (1) student.

(d) The Drug Control Division shall develop training and education programs for criminal justice personnel in drug related matters in conjunction with the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

(e) The Drug Control Division shall design a unified Arkansas Law Enforcement Drug Intelligence Network System in conjunction with the Arkansas Crime Information Center.

(f) The Drug Control Division shall administer grant programs to improve our state and local criminal justice systems and provide assistance to local governments to improve the apprehension, prosecution, adjudication and incarceration of drug offenders, evaluating the effectiveness of each grant program.

(g) The Drug Control Division shall sponsor general research and development on drugs, crime, and its control to help local criminal justice systems.

(h) The Drug Control Division shall perform other functions as may be incidental to the powers and duties set forth in this section.

SECTION 5. (a) There is established a Drug Advisory Council who shall advise and consult with the Arkansas Drug Director to develop public awareness concerning the drug situation in the State of Arkansas. The Drug Advisory Council shall be advisory only and shall have no administrative

responsibilities.

(b) The Drug Advisory Council shall consist of twelve (12) members. Eight (8) members shall be private citizens not employed by any federal, state or local agency, and who are interested and concerned about the drug situation in the State of Arkansas. The Attorney General shall appoint these eight (8) members of the Drug Advisory Council for terms of three (3) years. A member may be reappointed for one (1) additional term.

(c) The Governor shall appoint the remaining four (4) members, one (1) from the Department of Education, one (1) from the Arkansas State Police, one (1) from the Department of Human Services and one (1) city police chief. These members shall be appointed to the Drug Advisory Council for terms of three (3) years and may be reappointed for one (1) additional term.

(d) The Drug Advisory Council shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman annually.

(e) The Drug Advisory Council shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 6. 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.

SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

