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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: *Joint Budget Committee***

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1699

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 19-4-609 TO PROVIDE FOR THE
9 REPORTING OF ALL OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL BY EACH EXECUTIVE,
10 JUDICIAL, LEGISLATIVE, AND ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE STATE;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 WHEREAS, out-of-state travel by officers and employees of the State has
16 increased dramatically over the years; and

17 WHEREAS, such travel has caused erosion of public confidence in State
18 government; and

19 WHEREAS, measures should be taken in order to restore the citizens'
20 confidence in their government;

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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 19-4-609 is hereby amended by adding a new
26 subsection to read as follows:

27 "(c) Each executive, judicial, legislative, and any other agency of the
28 state which receives an appropriation from the General Assembly shall provide,
29 on a calendar-monthly basis, information reflecting out-of-state travel in
30 such detail and on such forms as determined by the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council. In the event that any executive, judicial, legislative or other
32 agency fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection, then no voucher
33 for out-of-state travel shall be processed by the Auditor of State, upon
34 notification thereof by the Arkansas Legislative Council."

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

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5 SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
6 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
7 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
8 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
9 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 4. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
12 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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14 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
15 Seventy-Eighth General Assembly that out-of-state travel by officers and
16 employees of the State has eroded confidence in State government; that
17 procedures need to be implemented in order to monitor out-of-state travel for
18 the public's concern; and that the provisions of this Act provide for such
19 procedures. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
20 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
21 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
22 approval.

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24 */s/ John E. Miller*

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