

1 State of Arkansas  
2 78th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1991  
4 By: Representative Beatty

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 87 OF TITLE 16 ARKANSAS CODE  
9 ANNOTATED TO ADD A NEW SECTION REGARDING PUBLIC DEFENDER  
10 PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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14 SECTION 1. Chapter 87 of Title 16 Arkansas Code Annotated is amended by  
15 adding the following new section:

16 "16-87-112. State wide judicial district programs.

17 (a) There is a need to create effective state wide Public Defender  
18 Programs at the judicial district of county level.

19 (b) Those districts or counties operating a public defender office  
20 under a separate act or provision of the code may establish a Public Defender  
21 Commission for their county or district and may exercise all authority granted  
22 herein not in conflict with their particular act or code provisions in the  
23 preceding Sections 101 through 111.

24 (c) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall standardize a  
25 reporting procedure to collect information from the judicial districts or  
26 counties to aid in evaluation and administrative assistance to the Public  
27 Defender Programs created under this or other provisions of the code."

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

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33 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
36 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
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