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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1031

4 By: Representative M. Wilson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CENTER FOR LAW RELATED
9 CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

12 "TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CENTER FOR LAW
13 RELATED CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION"

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. Definitions.

18 As used in this act:

19 (a) "Law related citizenship education" means a method of using the
20 structure of legal institutions and procedures to teach the fundamental
21 principles of citizenship in a free, democratic society.

22 (b) "Center" means the Arkansas Center for Law Related Citizenship
23 Education.
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SECTION 2. Arkansas Center for Law Related Citizenship Education.

26 (a) There is hereby created the Arkansas Center for Law Related
27 Citizenship Education.

28 (b) The Center shall be a part of the UALR School of Law.

29 (c) The Center shall have a director who shall be licensed to practice
30 law, an education director who shall be certified as a teacher, and such
31 other personnel as shall from time to time be authorized.
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SECTION 3. Powers and Duties of the Center.

34 (a) The Center shall coordinate graduate-level, for-credit courses in
35 basic legal institutions and processes, and in methods of utilizing the

1 framework of such institutions and processes to teach citizenship education.
2 Such courses will be available to certified teachers. The Center is hereby
3 authorized to work with the education department of any Arkansas institution
4 of higher learning which offers graduate courses to teachers in order to
5 establish and coordinate courses in law related citizenship education. Such
6 courses may be designed specifically for teachers of students in various age
7 groups, as well as for teachers of special groups such as juvenile
8 delinquents and adult prisoners.

9 (b) The Center shall act as a clearinghouse for educational materials,
10 information, and technical assistance to teachers, students of all ages,
11 parents, judges, correction officials, and other citizens.

12 (c) The Center shall provide a forum where teachers, students, judges,
13 correction officials, parents, law enforcement officers, and others may come
14 together to seek solutions to law related problems such as violence, crime,
15 unemployment, and child abuse.

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17 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
18 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
19 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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21 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
22 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
23 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
24 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25 act are declared to be severable.

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27 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
28 hereby repealed.

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30 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
31 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that an alarming number of people,
32 particularly the young, are ignoring or rejecting the permissible boundaries
33 of behavior in a civilized society and resorting to lawlessness, violence,
34 and bloodshed as means of resolving problems; that it is imperative that we
35 begin immediately to educate our youth in the basic mechanisms and

1 institutions that form the legal structure of our democratic society; that
2 the establishment of the Arkansas Center for Law Related Citizenship
3 Education is critical to this educational process. Therefore, an emergency
4 is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force
6 and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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