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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1735

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A ZERO-BASED
9 BUDGET SYSTEM FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS."

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Subtitle

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"ZERO-BASED BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION
13 REQUIRED."

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

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17 SECTION 1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall, when
18 developing forms and procedures for agencies to use in preparing their
19 biennial budget requests as required under Arkansas Code 19-4-302, utilize
20 the process known as "Zero-Base Budgeting" *for those departments and for such*
21 *years as set out in SECTION 2 herein.* The forms and instructions shall
22 require that *those* agencies, boards, institutions, and commissions address
23 the efficiency and effectiveness of their current activities and whether or
24 not any of their current activities should be reduced. The budget requests
25 shall review all activities and programs on a basis of output or performance
26 and reflect the benefits derived from financing those activities at various
27 levels as well as providing suggestions for alternative means of performing
28 the same activity or program.

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30 SECTION 2. *The Zero-Base Budgeting process is required to be used by*
31 *this Act only for the following departments and years:*

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Department

Budget Request for the
year ending June 30,

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1	<i>Department of Human Services</i>	<i>1998</i>
2	<i>Department of Education</i>	<i>1999</i>
3	<i>Department of Highway and Transportation</i>	<i>2000</i>
4	<i>Department of Correction</i>	<i>2001</i>
5	<i>Department of Finance and Administration</i>	<i>2002</i>

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7 *Other agencies and departments will prepare their budget requests under the*
8 *Zero-Base Budgeting process at such time as is required by the General*
9 *Assembly. The Department of Finance and Administration and the Bureau of*
10 *Legislative Research shall jointly develop the plans, timetable, and*
11 *procedures for implementing Zero-Based Budgeting for the 1997-1999 biennium*
12 *requests. They shall present their recommendations to the Arkansas*
13 *Legislative Council and the Joint Budget Committee in a joint meeting prior*
14 *to April 1, 1996. Any modifications in the proposal submitted by the*
15 *Department of Finance and Administration and the Bureau of Legislative*
16 *Research as directed by the committees shall be made and the process*
17 *implemented prior to July 1, 1996. In the event that no action is taken by*
18 *the committees prior to June 1, 1996, the proposal as submitted shall be*
19 *implemented prior to July 1, 1996.*

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21 SECTION 3. The various constitutional offices and the Division of
22 Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Audit Committee shall provide such
23 assistance as required by the Department of Finance and Administration and
24 the Bureau of Legislative Research in implementing this act.

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/s/Rep. Wren, et al

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