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4 By: Representatives J. Wilson and Booker

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2044

For An Act To Be Entitled

"THE COMMUNITY WORK, RECREATION AND YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES
ACT"

Subtitle

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YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES ACT"

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Community Work, Recreation and Youth Opportunities Act".

SECTION 2. There is hereby created the Community Work, Recreation and Youth Opportunities Commission to be composed of one: (1) member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker; one (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate; the Executive Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission; two (2) persons appointed by the Governor to represent community action organizations; two (2) persons under eighteen (18) years of age appointed by the Governor; the Governor or one of his designated staff members; and one (1) person appointed by the Governor to represent the religious community.

SECTION 3. The Commission shall:

- (1) Select one (1) of its members to serve as chairperson;
 - (2) Meet regularly at the call of the Chair;
 - (3) Solicit donations and grants to be used by the commission to enhance work, recreation and other opportunities for the youth of this state;
- and

1 (4) Advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and the various state
2 agencies regarding work and recreational programs targeted to people under
3 eighteen (18) years of age.

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5 SECTION 3. The commission may, by vote of the total membership of the
6 commission cast at its first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar
7 year, authorize expense reimbursement for commission members, other than
8 legislators, performing official commission duties. The expense
9 reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by
10 state travel regulations. Legislator members shall receive per diem, mileage
11 and expense reimbursement at the same rate as that prescribed for legislators
12 for attending meetings of joint interim committees of the General Assembly.
13 The commission may, by a majority vote of the total membership of the
14 commission cast during its first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar
15 year, authorize payment of a stipend to its members who are not legislators.
16 The stipend shall not exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting attended,
17 and the commission members shall receive no other compensation, expense
18 reimbursement, or in lieu payments except as provided in this section.

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20 SECTION 4. The Governor's office shall provide administrative
21 assistance to the commission in carrying out its functions and duties.

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23 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
24 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
25 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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27 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
31 act are declared to be severable.

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

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1 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
2 General Assembly that our young people are in desperate need of work
3 opportunities and recreational opportunities in order to combat drug abuse
4 and violent activities; that this act is designed to accomplish that purpose;
5 and that this act should go into effect as soon as possible in order to
6 provide a better society not only our young people but all citizens of this
7 state. Therefore an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act
8 being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,
9 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1995.

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