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4 By: Representatives Vess and Dietz

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE
9 PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR
10 CASH ACCOUNTS IN PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS_ OFFICES; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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SECTION 1. In those offices where the prosecuting attorney is desirous of paying for the victim/witness program from more than one (1) county or fund, the prosecuting attorney may establish a cash account. Notice of such shall be sent by the prosecuting attorney to the applicable county treasurer(s). Each month the county treasurer(s) shall pay to the office of the prosecuting attorney those funds collected pursuant to A.C.A. § 16-21-106 in the special revenue account entitled "Prosecutor_s Victim/Witness Fund" or, if created by the legislature in 1995, the portion of the County Administration of Justice Fund allotted to the prosecuting attorney's victim-witness program fund. The prosecuting attorney shall deposit the funds in a bank account entitled "Prosecutor_s Victim/Witness Fund". Monies deposited into the fund shall be used exclusively to pay the costs of the prosecuting attorney_s victim/witness program. Expenditures and deposits must be made according to the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Financial Management Guidelines as published by Legislative Audit in conjunction with the Arkansas

1 Prosecution Coordination Commission.

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3 *SECTION 2. In addition to existing duties, the Prosecution*
4 *Coordination Commission may: (1) administer and disburse federal funds,*
5 *grants, donations, and funds from public and private sources to carry out its*
6 *responsibilities; (2) educate professionals, law enforcement, judges, state*
7 *agencies, victim services providers on the role of the prosecuting attorneys*
8 *association, the impact of crime on victims, prosecutor victim advocacy*
9 *services; (3) maintain information on criminal justice information systems*
10 *for prosecuting attorneys and victim services; (4) advise the governor and*
11 *the legislature as to the long- and short-range goals and needs concerning*
12 *crime rates, the criminal justice system and its impact on the victims of*
13 *crime; (5) provide support, coordination, education, and technical assistance*
14 *on issues of concern to prosecuting attorneys and crime victim service*
15 *providers; (6) provide support, coordination, technical assistance, and*
16 *training in accounting, programmatic, and service delivery to subgrantees;*
17 *(7) establish peer review panels in the course of the award and*
18 *administration of grants; and (8) approve the expenditure of funds from the*
19 *Law Enforcement and Prosecution Drug Education Training Fund.*

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21 *SECTION 3. Peer review of the Prosecution and Law Enforcement Block*
22 *grants of the Violence Against Women Act. The Prosecution Coordination*
23 *Commission, in conjunction with two representatives from the Arkansas*
24 *Coalition Against Violence to Women and Children and one representative from*
25 *the sexual assault victim providers, shall conduct the peer review process of*
26 *the subgrant application for the prosecution percentage of the Prosecution*
27 *and Law Enforcement Block grants of the Violence Against Women Act. The*
28 *non-prosecution and law enforcement percentage shall be reviewed by nine (9)*
29 *panelists, selected each federal grant year to be determined as follows:*
30 *Each of the four regions of the Arkansas Coalition Against Violence to Women*
31 *and Children shall select one (1) individual to serve as a review panelist.*
32 *The Executive Director of the Coalition Against Violence to Women and*
33 *Children shall also serve as a panelist. All of the nonprofit rape crisis*
34 *centers in the state shall hold a meeting annually and select two (2)*
35 *representatives to serve on the peer review. The Prosecutor Coordination*

1 *Commission shall select a representative and the Criminal Justice Institute*
2 *Advisory Board shall select one (1) representative. The twenty-five percent*
3 *(25%) designated to law enforcement shall be reviewed by the Advisory Board*
4 *of the Criminal Justice Institute, and one (1) representative for the*
5 *Prosecution Coordination Commission, and two (2) representatives from the*
6 *Coalition and one (1) from the sexual assault service providers.*

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

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12 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
14 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
16 act are declared to be severable.

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

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/s/Rep. Vess, et al

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