

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1340

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5 By: Representatives Schexnayder, Hogue and Madison

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT PERTAINING TO ALL REPORTS COMPILED AND DISTRIBUTED  
10 BY STATE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT PERTAINING TO ALL REPORTS  
15 COMPILED AND DISTRIBUTED BY STATE  
16 AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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20 SECTION 1. The State of Arkansas is continuously searching for new  
21 methods to provide the citizens of Arkansas with the most efficient use of  
22 this state's economic resources. State agency reports, while informative, may  
23 be unnecessary to the extent that the information is no longer pertinent to  
24 the original purpose of the report or the method and number of reports  
25 distributed are excessive. The development of new procedures and methods for  
26 compiling and distributing state agency reports could provide the State of  
27 Arkansas with a reduction in costs associated with these reports. Therefore,  
28 it is determined and declared that the study of agency reports and the costs  
29 associated with these reports is within the public interest.

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31 SECTION 2. (a) All state agencies in this state shall provide the  
32 State Agencies and Governmental Affairs committee of the House of  
33 Representatives of the Arkansas General Assembly with a list of the annual and  
34 quarterly reports produced and distributed by that agency.

35 (b) Each state agency shall also provide to the State Agencies and  
36 Governmental Affairs committee of the House of Representatives of the Arkansas

1 General Assembly the total number of each report distributed, the copying  
 2 costs of each report, the distribution cost of each report, the aggregate  
 3 number of reports distributed and the aggregate copying and distribution costs  
 4 of the reports.

5 (c) This information shall be submitted to the State Agencies and  
 6 Governmental Affairs committee of the House of Representatives of the Arkansas  
 7 General Assembly by September 1, 1997.

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 9 SECTION 3. (a) The State Agencies and Governmental Affairs committee  
 10 of the House of Representatives of the Arkansas General Assembly shall conduct  
 11 a study of all reports compiled and distributed by the state agencies to  
 12 determine which reports are required, which reports are no longer necessary,  
 13 if savings in distribution of the reports are possible and to provide a  
 14 procedure by which persons may request the agency report.

15 (b) The State Agencies and Governmental Affairs committee of the House  
 16 of Representatives of the Arkansas General Assembly shall report its findings  
 17 and recommendations for new procedures and legislation to the Arkansas  
 18 Legislative Council and upon its advice, ask that any necessary legislation be  
 19 prepared for the Eighty-Second General Assembly meeting in January, 1999.

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

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

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

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