State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: H3/18/99 S4/7/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly 3 Regular Session, 1999 HOUSE BILL 2003 4 5 By: Representative Vess 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 16-87-305 TO PROVIDE 9 CREDIT FOR ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE 10 ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION WHO WERE 11 12 PREVIOUSLY COUNTY EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 13 Subtitle 14 "TO PROVIDE CREDIT FOR ACCUMULATED SICK 15 LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE ARKANSAS 16 PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION WHO WERE 17 PREVIOUSLY COUNTY EMPLOYEES." 18 19 20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 21 22 23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-87-305 is amended to read as follows: 24 "16-87-305. Salaries of public defenders. (a) The entry level salaries of public defenders and public defender 25 staff positions shall be consistent with that established by the state pay 26 plan for the appropriate grade of each position. 27 28 (b) The public defenders and public defender staff positions shall be 29 subject to the Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act, § 21-4-201 et seq. 30 (c) Public Defender Attorneys and employees of public defender offices 31 who were converted from county or grant funded employment to state employment and were employed as of January 2, 1998, shall have their length of service 32 with a county recognized for purposes of calculating accrual rates for sick 33 Leave and annual Leave. " 34 35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature 36

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are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

12 /s/ Vess