

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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2 82nd General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2173

5 By: Representative Horn
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT ESTABLISH THE CRIME VICTIMS ADVISORY BOARD;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "
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Subtitle

12 "AN ACT ESTABLISH THE CRIME VICTIMS
13 ADVISORY BOARD. "
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Arkansas Crime Victims Advisory
20 Board to be composed of the following members:

21 (1) A representative of the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board;

22 (2) A representative of the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape
23 and Domestic Violence;

24 (3) A representative of the Administrative Office of the Courts;

25 (4) A representative of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission;

26 (5) A representative of the Family Protection Unit of the Arkansas
27 State Police;

28 (6) A representative of the Arkansas Children's Hospital Family
29 Treatment Program;

30 (7) A representative of the Arkansas Department of Education;

31 (8) A representative of the Arkansas Crime Information Center;

32 (9) The Prosecutor Coordinator or his designee;

33 (10) The Attorney General or his designee; and

34 (11) The Governor or his designee.
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36 SECTION 2. The Crime Victims Advisory Board shall have the following

1 powers and duties:

2 (1) Review laws, policies and procedures that affect victims of crime;

3 (2) Develop recommendations for enhancing services to victims of crime,
4 with particular emphasis on meeting the needs of underserved victims, such as
5 victims with disabilities, hat and bias crime victims, elderly victims, gang
6 violence victims, and victims of white collar crime or fraud;

7 (3) Develop recommendations for improving outreach to victims when
8 language and cultural barriers prevent access to services;

9 (4) Explore ways of utilizing technology to expand the availability of
10 services to victims of crime;

11 (5) Develop strategies for implementing comprehensive, coordinated,
12 interdisciplinary approaches to providing services and support for victims of
13 crime; and

14 (6) Receive and expend grants, donations and funds from public and
15 private sources to carry out its responsibilities.

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17 SECTION 3. The Crime Victims Advisory Board shall be in existence form
18 the date of enactment until December 31, 2000.

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20 SECTION 4. Members of the Crime Victims Advisory Board shall serve
21 without pay. Those members not serving in their official capacity as state
22 employees shall be reimbursed, by the agency designating them as a
23 representative to this board, for reasonable and necessary expenses for meals,
24 lodging, and mileage at the same rate as authorized for official travel by
25 state employees.

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27 SECTION 5. The Crime Victims Advisory Board shall be provided such
28 support staff and secretarial services as necessary by the Office of the
29 Attorney General.

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31 SECTION 6. The Crime Victims Advisory Board shall submit a final report
32 of its findings and recommendations to the Attorney General on or before
33 December 15, 2000.

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35 SECTION 7. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
36 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 8. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

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12 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
13 Eighty-second General Assembly that policies and procedures affecting victims
14 of crime should be reviewed in an expeditious manner so that recommendations
15 for improving services to victims can be made to the Eighty-third General
16 Assembly. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
17 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If
19 the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
20 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
21 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
22 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the
23 veto.

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/s/ Horn

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