

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 83rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2001

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1016

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5 By: Representative Milum  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT  
10 PROMOTION GROUP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURAL  
14 ENHANCEMENT PROMOTION GROUP.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. The Arkansas Agricultural Enhancement Promotion Group is  
20 hereby created to be composed of:

21 (a) The Governor's designated representative;

22 (b) Two agriculture products producers appointed by the Governor for  
23 three-year terms, each residing in a different congressional district;

24 (c) The Vice President for Agriculture of the University of Arkansas;

25 (d) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry  
26 Commission;

27 (e) The State Forester;

28 (f) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation  
29 Commission;

30 (g) The Director of the State Plant Board; and

31 (h) The Director of the Department of Economic Development.  
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33 SECTION 2. The Arkansas Agricultural Enhancement Promotion Group shall:

34 (1) Communicate to the general public and the federal government the  
35 importance of agriculture to the State of Arkansas based on the  
36 recommendations of the ad hoc committee;

1           (2) Establish an ad hoc committee, to be composed of the members  
2 identified in section 5 of this act, to develop projects relating to all  
3 aspects of agriculture in Arkansas;

4           (3) Address all issues relating to the needs of Arkansas' agricultural  
5 industry;

6           (4) No later than January 1 of each year, report to the Governor of the  
7 State of Arkansas on program activities; and

8           (5) Promulgate a mission statement and administrative procedures  
9 necessary for the implementation of this act.

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11           SECTION 3. (a) The Vice President for Agriculture at the University of  
12 Arkansas shall call the first meeting of the Arkansas Agricultural Enhancement  
13 Promotion Group and at that meeting the group shall elect a chairman to serve  
14 for a term of one (1) year. Subsequent chairmen shall be elected for one-year  
15 terms.

16           (b) Five (5) members of the Arkansas Agricultural Enhancement Promotion  
17 Group shall constitute a quorum.

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19           SECTION 4. The Department of Economic Development shall provide  
20 administrative staff for the Arkansas Agricultural Enhancement Promotion Group  
21 and the ad hoc committee.

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23           SECTION 5. (a) The ad hoc committee shall be composed of the following:

24                   (1) A representative of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation;

25                   (2) A representative of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association;

26                   (3) A representative of the Arkansas Poultry Federation;

27                   (4) A representative of Arkansas' aquaculture industry;

28                   (5) A representative of Arkansas row crop producers; and

29                   (6) Representatives of other agriculture promotion groups,  
30 boards, and commissions.

31           (b) The members of the ad hoc committee shall serve three-year  
32 staggered terms as determined by the Arkansas Agricultural Enhancement  
33 Promotion Group.

34           (c) The ad hoc committee shall present to the Arkansas Agricultural  
35 Enhancement Promotion Group comprehensive projects for promoting and funding  
36 agriculture projects in Arkansas.

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SECTION 6. The Arkansas Agricultural Enhancement Promotion Group may accept and expend public and private funds.