

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
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 719

5 By: Senator J. Bookout
6 By: Representative P. Bookout
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
11 DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT
12 LITTLE ROCK AS THE LEAD AGENCY AND ENTITY
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERSIGHT AND OPERATION OF
14 THE ARKANSAS POLICE CORPS PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 OPERATION OF THE ARKANSAS POLICE CORPS
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to establish the lead
29 agency and its authority over the Arkansas Police Corps Program, a federally
30 funded scholarship program designed to employ college-educated police
31 officers in local and state law enforcement agencies and to foster the
32 development and growth of community policing efforts throughout Arkansas.
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34 SECTION 2. Administration of the Arkansas Police Corps Program.

35 (a) The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Arkansas
36 at Little Rock is designated as the state lead agency responsible for



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1 implementing any federal scholarships or training programs that fall under
 2 the umbrella of the Police Corps Act, Title XX, Subtitle A of the Violent
 3 Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 14091-14102.

4 (b) The department may promulgate rules and regulations necessary for
 5 the administration and operation of any such programs in the State of
 6 Arkansas, including the creation of the Police Corps Advisory Group which
 7 shall:

8 (1) Serve as the body to review policies imposed by the federal
 9 government and the rules and regulations developed by the department for the
 10 Arkansas Police Corps Program;

11 (2) Serve as the selection committee for Arkansas Police Corps
 12 Program participants;

13 (3) Serve as the body to establish eligibility requirements for
 14 the Arkansas Police Corps Program, within the parameters set by the federal
 15 government;

16 (4) Serve as the body to establish the participant removal
 17 procedures for the Arkansas Police Corps Program;

18 (5) Serve as the appeals committee for the Arkansas Police Corps
 19 Program, should a training participant be removed for any reason; and

20 (6) Perform all other duties as needed.

21 (c) The chairperson of the department, who serves as the Director of
 22 the Arkansas Police Corps Program, or the director's designee shall serve as
 23 an ex officio member and as chair of the advisory group.

24 (d) Neither the director nor the director's designee shall sit on any
 25 appeals panel in cases involving removal of participants from the program.

26 (3) The advisory group shall meet at the call of the chair.

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 28 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 29 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is necessary to designate a
 30 lead agency for purposes of obtaining federally funded scholarships under the
 31 Arkansas Police Corps Program; that this act establishes the lead agency; and
 32 that this act should go into effect immediately in order to be eligible for
 33 the federal funds as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is declared
 34 to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
 35 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

36 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

