

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 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

SENATE BILL 125

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5 By: Senator Malone
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 10-2-501
10 CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON THE PREPARATION OF
11 LEGISLATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON THE
15 PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-2-501 is amended to read as follows:
21 10-2-501. Preparation.

22 (a) A member of the General Assembly may choose to impose the
23 restrictions of subsection (b) of this section by filing written notice with
24 the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

25 ~~(a)(b) The~~ If requested in writing by a member of the General
26 Assembly, the staff of the Bureau of Legislative Research shall not:

27 (1) Draft any bill, resolution, or amendment for the member
28 pursuant to the instructions of a lobbyist registered under § 21-8-601
29 without the prior direct approval of a the member ~~of the General Assembly;~~

30 (2) List the name of ~~any~~ the member ~~of the Senate or the House~~
31 ~~of Representatives~~ on any bill, resolution, or amendment without the prior
32 direct approval of that member; or

33 (3) List ~~multiple sponsors on a bill~~ cosponsors on a bill of
34 which the member is the lead sponsor unless the order in which the ~~sponsors~~
35 cosponsors are listed has received the prior direct approval of the lead
36 sponsor.



1 ~~(b)(c)~~ The prior direct approval requirement of this section is met
 2 when a senator or representative communicates authorization to the staff of
 3 the bureau by telephone, electronic mail, fax, other written document, or in
 4 person.

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 6 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 7 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current law concerning
 8 preparation of legislation by the Bureau of Legislative Research is too
 9 restrictive and impairs the function of the General Assembly; that this act
 10 corrects deficiencies in the law; and that this act is immediately necessary
 11 in order to assist the operations of the 2005 regular session of the General
 12 Assembly. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
 13 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
 14 safety shall become effective on:

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

16 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 17 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 18 bill; or

19 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 20 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.