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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1104

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEES TO MEET
AND TRANSACT BUSINESS DURING A SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY; CONCERNING THE EXECUTIVE
SUBCOMMITTEE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ITS
SUBCOMMITTEES TO MEET DURING A
LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND CONCERNING THE
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-301, concerning the Legislative Council, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(h)(1) With the consent of both the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Legislative Council or any of its subcommittees may meet and transact business during a session of the General Assembly. The consent shall state the matter or matters that may be addressed by the Legislative Council or its subcommittees.

(2) This subsection (h) does not limit the authority of:

(A) The Legislative Council and its subcommittees to meet



1 during a recess as authorized by §§ 10-3-211 or 10-2-223; or

2 (2) The Executive Subcommittee of Legislative Council,
 3 upon a call of the cochairs, to meet during a session of the General
 4 Assembly.

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 6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 10-3-303(g), concerning the Executive
 7 Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, is amended to read as follows:

8 (g)(1) The Executive Subcommittee may require the Director of the
 9 Bureau of Legislative Research ~~shall to~~ report ~~to~~ and regularly seek the
 10 review and advice of the Executive Subcommittee prior to ~~taking~~:

11 ~~(1)(A)~~ Taking actions regarding establishing new,
 12 repealing, or changing personnel policies pertaining to employees of the
 13 bureau;

14 ~~(2)(A)(B)(i)~~ Taking actions concerning the hiring
 15 or termination of staff, staff promotions, and proposed salary changes~~+~~.

16 ~~(B)(ii)~~ Nothing in this section shall be construed
 17 to create an employment contract, any salary obligation, other obligation, or
 18 change in employment status of staff of the bureau from an at-will employment
 19 relationship~~+~~; or

20 ~~(3)(C)~~ Establishing new, repealing, or changing any other
 21 policies or procedures of the bureau relating to the delivery of services and
 22 other matters pertaining to the operation of the bureau, including the
 23 biennial budget request of the bureau.

24 (2) The Executive Subcommittee may meet and transact business
 25 both during a session of the General Assembly and during the interim between
 26 sessions of the General Assembly. If during a legislative session the
 27 Executive Subcommittee takes action that requires approval by the Legislative
 28 Council, the approval may be granted either by the Legislative Council, if
 29 authorized to meet, or by the Joint Budget Committee.

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 31 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 32 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the authority of the
 33 Legislative Council and its subcommittees to meet during a session of the
 34 General Assembly needs clarification; that this act specifies the
 35 circumstances under which they may meet; and that this act is immediately
 36 necessary so that urgent issues may be resolved in a timely manner.

1 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately
2 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
3 become effective on:

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

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

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