

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.

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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1104

By: Representatives Thyer, Sullivan, Wells

## 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 may meet during a session of the General Assembly to transact business concerning the personnel and operations of the Bureau of Legislative Research.

(2) This subsection (h) does not limit the authority of the Legislative Council to meet during a recess as authorized by §§ 10-3-211 or 10-2-223.





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

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

7 ~~(1)(A) Actions~~ Taking actions regarding establishing new,  
8 repealing, or changing personnel policies pertaining to employees of the  
9 bureau;

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

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

16 ~~(3)(C)~~ Establishing new, repealing, or changing any other  
17 policies or procedures of the bureau relating to the delivery of services and  
18 other matters pertaining to the operation of the bureau, including the  
19 biennial budget request of the bureau.

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

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27 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
28 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the authority of the  
29 Legislative Council and its subcommittees to meet during a session of the  
30 General Assembly needs clarification; that this act specifies the  
31 circumstances under which they may meet; and that this act is immediately  
32 necessary so that urgent issues may be resolved in a timely manner.  
33 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately  
34 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
35 become effective on:

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



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

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

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