1	State of Arkansas	A Bill	
2	86th General Assembly	A DIII	
3	Regular Session, 2007		HOUSE BILL 1630
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5	By: Representatives Adcock,	L. Smith, Chesterfield	
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7		For An Act To Be Entitled	
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9	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISPUTES		
10	CAN BE RESOLVED THROUGH DISPUTE RESOLUTION		
11	PROCESSES FOR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICERS AND AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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13		Subtitle	
14 15	TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND		
15 16		RNMENT DISPUTES CAN BE RESOLVED	
10 17		G DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES.	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARI	KANSAS:
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22	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code § 16-7-203 is amended to	read as follows:
23	16-7-203. Duty and authority of state and local officers and agencies		
24	and governments.	•	G
25	It is the duty o	f all the elements of government ex	xpressed or implied
26	by § 16-7-201(3), and they are hereby authorized, to use dispute resolution		
27	processes in resolving any and all disputes, cases, or controversies in which		
28	they may be directly o	r indirectly involved, whether betw	ween themselves and
29	members of the public	or between any other state or local	l officer, agency,
30	government, or entity	of this state or of any other state	e or any element or
31	entity of the federal government.		
32	(a) In resolving a dispute, case, or controversy in which an element		
33	of government expressed or implied by § 16-7-201(3) is directly or		
34	indirectly involved, if the opposing party consents the element of government		
35	may use dispute resolution processes whenever possible to resolve the		
36	dispute, case, or cont	roversy.	

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1	(b) A dispute, case, of controversy under subsection (a) of this	
2	section includes a dispute, case, or controversy between any element of	
3	government expressed or implied by § 16-7-201(3) and any:	
4	(1) Member of the public;	
5	(2) Employee or bona fide employee organization;	
6	(3) Other state or local officer, agency, government, or entity	
7	of this state or any other state; or	
8	(4) Element or entity of the federal government.	
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