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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1630

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISPUTES
CAN BE RESOLVED THROUGH DISPUTE RESOLUTION
PROCESSES FOR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICERS AND
AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND
GOVERNMENT DISPUTES CAN BE RESOLVED
USING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-7-203 is amended to read as follows:

16-7-203. Duty and authority of state and local officers and agencies
and governments.

~~It is the duty of all the elements of government expressed or implied
by § 16-7-201(3), and they are hereby authorized, to use dispute resolution
processes in resolving any and all disputes, cases, or controversies in which
they may be directly or indirectly involved, whether between themselves and
members of the public or between any other state or local officer, agency,
government, or entity of this state or of any other state or any element or
entity of the federal government.~~

(a) In resolving a dispute, case, or controversy in which an element
of government expressed or implied by § 16-7-201(3) is directly or
indirectly involved, if the opposing party consents the element of government
may use dispute resolution processes whenever possible to resolve the
dispute, case, or controversy.



1 (b) A dispute, case, or 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.