

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

HOUSE BILL 1630

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By: Senators Crumbly, Steele

## 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.

(a) 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 negotiation, mediation, conciliation, and moderated settlement conferences 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 their employees or bona fide employee organizations, or corporations, 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.

(b) The elements of government expressed or implied by § 16-7-201 are



1 authorized to use arbitration, private judging, med-arb, fact finding, mini-  
2 trials, and summary jury trials in resolving any and all disputes, cases or  
3 controversies in which they may be directly or indirectly involved, whether  
4 between themselves and members of the public, or their employees or bona fide  
5 employee organizations, or corporations, or between any other state or local  
6 officer, agency, government, or entity of this state or of any other state or  
7 any element or entity of the federal government, as long as the parties have  
8 agreed to participate.

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10 /s/ Adcock, et al  
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