

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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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

16 TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND
17 GOVERNMENT DISPUTES CAN BE RESOLVED
18 USING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-7-203 is amended to read as follows:*

25 *16-7-203. Duty and authority of state and local officers and agencies*
26 *and governments.*

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

34 *(b) The elements of government expressed or implied by § 16-7-201 are*
35 *authorized to use arbitration, private judging, med-arb, fact finding, mini-*
36 *trials, and summary jury trials in resolving any and all disputes, cases, or*



1 controversies in which they may be directly or indirectly involved, whether
2 between themselves and members of the public, or their employees or bona fide
3 employee organizations, or corporations, or nonprofit organizations, or any
4 other state or local officer, agency, government, or entity of this state or
5 of any other state or any element or entity of the federal government, as
6 long as the parties have agreed to participate. This subsection (b) is
7 permissive and not mandatory.

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9 /s/ Adcock, et al
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