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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE TO
10 PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE STATE OF
11 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE
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16 STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-10-205 is amended to read as follows:
22 15-10-205. Arkansas Energy Office - Powers and duties.

23 (a) The Arkansas Energy Office shall coordinate authority and planning
24 by the state in energy-related matters and shall have the following duties
25 and responsibilities:

26 (1) Coordinating energy matters between and among all state
27 agencies;

28 (2) Compiling an energy profile for the state which includes,
29 but is not limited to, data on the demand for and supply of renewable and
30 nonrenewable energy resources;

31 (3) Collecting data on, planning, and administering emergency
32 plans, when needed, to allocate the distribution of motor fuels, heating oil,
33 and propane by wholesale jobbers and dealers within the state;

34 (4) Collecting data on, planning, and administering emergency
35 plans, when needed, for the conservation or rationing of motor fuels;

36 (5) Proposing executive and legislative measures on energy-



1 related matters;

2 (6) Providing comments before state and federal regulatory
3 bodies on energy matters mandated by federal and state agencies;

4 (7) Monitoring and evaluating existing and proposed actions,
5 laws, policies, regulations, and orders of the state and federal governments
6 in energy matters relevant to Arkansas;

7 (8) Securing and administering federal energy grants for
8 agencies of state government and monitoring and publicizing federal energy
9 grants available to the private sector;

10 (9) Carrying out energy-related administrative and program
11 functions established and required by federal law, regulations, or guidelines
12 when applicable in Arkansas;

13 (10) Developing and administering conservation programs directed
14 toward reducing wasteful, inefficient uses of energy;

15 (11) Promulgating reasonable rules and regulations for the
16 purpose of implementing and prescribing enforcement for thermal and lighting
17 efficiency standards for new building construction in the state;

18 (12) Developing and proposing thermal and lighting efficiency
19 improvement programs for all buildings owned by the state and prescribing
20 reasonable thermal and lighting efficiency criteria applicable to the leasing
21 of buildings by all state agencies; ~~and~~

22 (13) Administering a public energy awareness program to inform
23 and demonstrate to the public the importance and methods of utilizing energy
24 conservation and renewable energy resources; and

25 (14)(A) Developing, coordinating, and implementing a program to
26 promote energy efficiencies in state agencies through:

27 (i) The installation and management of a utility
28 cost and consumption tracking system;

29 (ii) The provision of maintenance and operations
30 training for the improvement of energy efficiency in state agency buildings
31 and facilities;

32 (iii) Oversight of construction to assure compliance
33 with applicable requirements for new construction and renovations; and

34 (iv) The promotion of the Arkansas energy and
35 Natural Resource Conservation Act, § 22-3-1801 et seq.

36 (B) As used in subdivision (14)(A) of this section, "state

1 agency" means all departments, offices, boards, commissions, and institutions
2 of the state, including the state-supported institutions of higher education.

3 (b) The office shall have the authority to:

4 (1) Provide comments before state and federal bodies in energy
5 matters relevant to Arkansas;

6 (2) Receive and expend funds obtained from the federal
7 government or other sources by means of contracts, grants, awards, payment
8 for services, and other devices in support of energy-related programs,
9 studies, or other operations beneficial to the State of Arkansas;

10 (3) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose
11 of implementing and prescribing enforcement for thermal and lighting
12 efficiency standards for new building construction;

13 (4) Propose programs for the implementation of thermal and
14 lighting efficiency improvements for all buildings owned by the state and
15 prescribe reasonable thermal and lighting efficiency criteria applicable to
16 the leasing of buildings by all state agencies; ~~and~~

17 (5) Promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of
18 administering emergency plans as referred to in subdivision (a)(4) of this
19 section; and

20 (6) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the purpose
21 of implementing and promoting energy efficiencies in state agencies.

22 (c) Prior to the final adoption of the rules and regulations
23 prescribing thermal and lighting efficiency standards for new building
24 construction referred to in subdivision (b)(3) of this section, the Joint
25 Committee on Energy of the General Assembly shall review and comment on the
26 rules and regulations of the office.