

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

SENATE BILL 884

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5 By: Senator Bledsoe
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TIME FOR THE DIRECTOR OF
10 THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO
11 RESPOND TO AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT; TO
12 REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO SEND PROPOSED RULES TO
13 THE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE; TO CREATE THE
14 REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 THE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND TO
23 CREATE THE REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-15-303(d), concerning the economic
29 impact statement reviewed by the Director of the Arkansas Economic
30 Development Commission, is amended to read as follows:

31 (d)(1) Within ten business (10) days of the receipt of the economic
32 impact statement and the proposed rule, the director shall provide detailed
33 information in writing to the agency regarding whether, in the reasoned
34 opinion of the director, the agency has satisfactorily completed the economic
35 impact statement and whether the agency has taken sufficient measures to
36 balance the objectives of the proposed rule with the interests of the



1 affected small businesses.

2 (2)(A)(i) In performing these duties, the director may elicit
3 views and information from, and shall serve as the point of contact for,
4 small business organizations and associations, state and federal agencies,
5 and other parties who have comments, objections, or opinions concerning the
6 proposed rule.

7 (ii) The director shall send the proposed rules to
8 the members of the Regulatory Review Committee in any manner he or she
9 considers reasonable and may set a deadline for the receipt of responses from
10 members of the committee.

11 (B) If appropriate, the director shall convey these
12 communications to the agency.

13 (3) In addition to commenting upon a proposed rule, the director
14 may review existing rules and make recommendations to agencies to amend rules
15 that may have an unduly negative impact on small businesses.

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17 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 15, Subchapter 3 is
18 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19 25-15-304. Regulatory Review Committee – Creation.

20 (a) The Regulatory Review Committee is established to assist the
21 Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission in the review of
22 proposed rules.

23 (b) The director shall appoint the members of the committee who shall
24 serve at the pleasure of the director.

25 (c) Members of the advisory committee may receive reimbursement of
26 expenses under § 25-16-902.

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