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A Bill

SENATE BILL 119

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF
9 WOMEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO CREATE THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF
12 WOMEN.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 84, is amended to add an
20 additional subchapter to read as follows:

21 20-84-201. Purpose.

22 The purpose of this subchapter is to create the Commission on the
23 Status of Women to conduct ongoing studies of matters concerning women and to
24 share these studies with other states that have created similar commissions.
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26 20-84-202. Creation – Members.

27 (a) The Commission on the Status of Women is created.

28 (b) The commission shall consist of the following non-legislative
29 members:

30 (1) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor;

31 (2) Three (3) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
32 the Senate; and

33 (3) Three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives.

35 (c)(1) Of the initial appointees to the commission by the Governor:

36 (A) One (1) member shall serve a term of one (1) year;



1 members.

2 (4) The commission shall meet at least quarterly or as decided
 3 upon by the commission.

4 (e) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a
 5 quorum for transacting business of the commission.

6 (f) All state agencies shall furnish to the commission and its staff
 7 any information and assistance the commission or its staff may reasonably
 8 request.

9 (g) The members of the commission shall not be entitled to
 10 compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for any expenses
 11 incurred in the performance of their duties if non-state funds are available.

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 13 20-84-203. Duties.

14 (a) The Commission on the Status of Women shall:

15 (1) Study, review, and report on the status of women in
 16 Arkansas;

17 (2) Inform leaders of business, education, health care, state
 18 and local governments, and the communications media of issues pertaining to
 19 women;

20 (3) Serve as a liaison between government and private interest
 21 groups concerned with issues affecting women;

22 (4) Serve as a clearinghouse for information on issues
 23 pertaining to women;

24 (5) Advise the Governor and the General Assembly on the effect
 25 on women of proposed legislation; and

26 (6) Promote and facilitate collaboration among local women's
 27 commissions and among women's organizations in the state.

28 (b) The commission shall report by October 1 of each even-numbered
 29 year beginning in 2012 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
 30 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives the results of its
 31 findings and activities and any of its recommendations.

32 (c)(1) The commission may accept and solicit funds, including gifts,
 33 donations, grants, or bequests, or any federal funds, to carry out its
 34 duties.

35 (2) The funds shall be deposited into a separate account with
 36 the Treasurer of State and be expended by the commission in accordance with

1 the law.

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