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SENATE BILL 87

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF  
10 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND NONPROFIT SUPPORT; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DIVISION  
16 OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND NONPROFIT  
17 SUPPORT.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-10-128 is amended to read as follows:  
23 25-10-128. Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support.

24 (a) There is created in the Department of Human Services a Division of  
25 Community Service and Nonprofit Support.

26 (b) (1) Administrative assistance to coordinate the activities of the  
27 division shall be given by a Deputy Director for Community Service and  
28 Nonprofit Support who ~~will~~ shall devote full time to the duties of the office  
29 of deputy director and assume the responsibility for carrying out the duties  
30 prescribed by this section.

31 (2) The deputy director shall employ any employees who are  
32 necessary to carry out the goals of the office of deputy director, subject to  
33 appropriation by the General Assembly.

34 (c) The duties and responsibilities of the ~~Division of Community~~  
35 ~~Service and Nonprofit Support~~ division are to:

36 (1) Assess and recognize the needs of communities throughout



1 Arkansas and to recruit, train, and coordinate volunteers and volunteer  
2 organizations in meeting those needs;

3 (2) Assist in specific projects involving volunteers to meet  
4 community needs;

5 (3) Provide greater public awareness and recognition of  
6 volunteer efforts; and

7 (4) Assist in devising training programs for use by community  
8 organizations that have programs to assist ~~welfare~~ recipients of public  
9 assistance and to assist other divisions of the department in devising and  
10 administering programs to match those current and past ~~welfare~~ recipients of  
11 public assistance with any community organizations that desire to assist  
12 them.

13 (d)(1) ~~The program and staff of the Division of Community Service and~~  
14 ~~Nonprofit Support~~ division will shall be assisted by an advisory ~~council~~  
15 commission on national service and volunteerism.

16 (2) It ~~will~~ shall be the responsibility of ~~this council~~ the  
17 commission to assist the staff in setting goals, establishing priority  
18 activities, performing an advocacy role, and assisting in funding and  
19 resource development and publicity and recognition and awards programs.

20 (3)(A) ~~Council~~ Commission members shall be appointed by the  
21 Governor from existing state, local, and private agencies ~~that operate~~  
22 ~~volunteer programs~~ and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

23 (B)(i) Members of the commission shall be appointed by the  
24 Governor on a bipartisan basis.

25 (ii) It shall consist of an odd number of members  
26 with no fewer than fifteen (15) and no more than twenty-five (25) voting  
27 members.

28 (iii) Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the  
29 voting members of the commission plus one (1) voting member may be from the  
30 same political party.

31 (iv) To the extent possible, it shall be balanced  
32 according to race, ethnicity, age, disability, and gender characteristics.

33 (C) The commission shall include the following nine (9)  
34 voting members:

35 (i) An individual with expertise in the educational,  
36 training, and developmental needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;

1                   (ii) An individual with experience in promoting the  
2 involvement of older adults in service and volunteering;

3                   (iii) A representative of community-based agencies  
4 or community-based organizations within the state;

5                   (iv) A representative of the state educational  
6 agency;

7                   (v) A representative of local governments in the  
8 state;

9                   (vi) A representative of local labor organizations  
10 in the state;

11                   (vii) A representative of business and industry in  
12 Arkansas;

13                   (viii) An individual between the ages of sixteen  
14 (16) and twenty-five (25) who is a participant or supervisor in a volunteer  
15 or service program; and

16                   (ix) A representative of a National Service Program  
17 as described in the National and Community Services Trust Act of 1993, Pub.  
18 L. No. 103-82.

19                   (D) The terms of office shall be staggered between one (1)  
20 and five (5) years and shall be determined by lot at the commission's initial  
21 meeting.

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