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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1415

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6 By: Senator Hill
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFORM SECURITY PROTOCOL FOR
10 CERTAIN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EVENTS; TO CREATE A COMMITTEE
11 TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR CERTAIN
12 PUBLIC EVENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 CERTAIN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EVENTS; AND TO
17 CREATE A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND
18 SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC
19 EVENTS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

26 This act shall be known as the "Security Protocol Act for Arkansas
27 Public Events".
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29 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Uniform Security Protocol for Arkansas
30 Public Events Committee – Creation – Membership – Duties.

31 (a) There is created the Uniform Security Protocol for Arkansas Public
32 Events Committee.

33 (b)(1) The committee shall consist of nine (9) members to be appointed
34 as follows:

35 (A) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of
36 the University of Arkansas to be appointed by the President of the University



1 of Arkansas;

2 (B) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of
3 Arkansas State University to be appointed by the President of Arkansas State
4 University;

5 (C) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of
6 the University of Central Arkansas to be appointed by the President of the
7 University of Central Arkansas;

8 (D) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of a
9 higher education institution in Arkansas that is a member of the Great
10 American Conference to be appointed by the Governor;

11 (E) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Activities
12 Association or his or her designee;

13 (F) One (1) member who is a security employee of Verizon
14 Arena to be appointed by the Governor;

15 (G) One (1) member who is a member of the War Memorial
16 Stadium Commission to be appointed by the Governor;

17 (H) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State
18 Police or his or her designee; and

19 (I) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency
20 Management or his or her designee.

21 (2) All appointments under this act shall be made within thirty
22 (30) days of the effective date of this act.

23 (3) If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the vacancy shall be
24 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

25 (4) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation
26 but may receive reimbursement under Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, through the
27 Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

28 (c)(1) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management
29 shall call the first meeting of the committee no later than September 30,
30 2019.

31 (2) At the first meeting of the committee, the members of the
32 committee shall elect from its membership a chair and other officers as
33 needed for the transaction of its business.

34 (3) The committee shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County
35 at the State Capitol or another facility that allows for public access and
36 teleconferencing capabilities.

1 (4) Meetings of the committee shall be held at least one (1)
2 time every two (2) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

3 (d) The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management shall provide
4 staff and materials for the committee.

5 (e)(1) The committee shall establish rules and procedures for
6 conducting its business.

7 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

8 (3) A majority vote of the members present shall be required for
9 any action by the committee.

10 (f)(1)(A) The committee shall develop a standard security protocol for
11 admission procedures for public events, whether ticketed or unticketed, held
12 at arenas, stadiums, auditoriums, and other facilities designed to hold large
13 numbers of people for public events.

14 (B) In developing the protocol, the committee shall
15 consider without limitation:

16 (i) Each applicable venue's size and capacity;

17 (ii) Whether the event is ticketed or unticketed;

18 (iii) Whether the venue is indoors or outside; and

19 (iv) Any other factor relevant to determining the
20 appropriate security regulations for the different types of events and
21 locations throughout the state.

22 (2) The protocol specifications shall include without
23 limitation:

24 (A) Designation of the types and sizes of items that may
25 be brought into an event;

26 (B) Standards for purses, bags, sacks, backpacks, and
27 other implements designed to carry other items; and

28 (C) Standards and recommendations for secure admissions to
29 public events.

30 (g)(1) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to
31 the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management on or before December 31,
32 2019.

33 (2) The department shall notify the arenas, stadiums,
34 auditoriums, and other facilities designed to hold large numbers of people
35 for public events by publication of the findings and recommendations of the
36 committee on its website.

(h) The committee expires on December 31, 2019.

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