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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF
10 THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD; TO ALLOW THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT
12 THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS
17 OF THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD;
18 AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
19 AND ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE CRIME
20 VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-90-706(a)(4), concerning the logistical
27 support and powers of the Crime Victims Reparations Board, is amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (4)(A) The board shall be provided such office, support staff,
30 and secretarial services as necessary by the ~~office of the Attorney General~~
31 Department of Finance and Administration.

32 (B) The support staff and secretarial services described
33 in subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section may also be assigned by the ~~Attorney~~
34 General department to engage in additional ~~legal~~ work in other areas that do
35 not involve crime victims reparations.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-90-707(a), concerning the annual report
2 by the Crime Victims Reparations Board, is amended to read as follows:

3 (a) The Crime Victims Reparations Board shall prepare and transmit
4 annually a report of its activities to the ~~Governor~~ Director of the
5 Department of Finance and Administration.

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7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-90-715 is amended to read as follows:
8 16-90-715. Action by state against convicted person for recovery of
9 reparations.

10 (a)(1) Whenever any person is convicted of a crime and an order for
11 the payment of reparations is or has been made under this subchapter for a
12 personal injury or death resulting from the act or omission constituting the
13 crime for which conviction was had, the ~~Attorney General~~ Director of the
14 Department of Finance and Administration may institute a civil action against
15 the convicted person for the recovery of all or any part of the reparations
16 paid.

17 (2)(A) The suit shall be instituted in the circuit court having
18 jurisdiction in the county in which the person resides or is found or in
19 Pulaski County.

20 (B) The circuit court shall have jurisdiction to hear,
21 determine, and render judgment in the action.

22 (3)(A) Any amount recovered under this subsection shall be
23 credited to the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund.

24 (B) If an amount greater than that paid pursuant to the
25 order for payment of reparations is recovered and collected in the action,
26 the Crime Victims Reparations Board shall pay the balance to the claimant.

27 (b) The board shall provide the ~~Attorney General~~ director with such
28 information, data, and reports as he or she may require to institute actions
29 in accordance with this section.

30 (c) The director may request the assistance of the Attorney General in
31 instituting a civil action against the convicted person for the recovery of
32 all or any part of the reparations paid.

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