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For An Act To Be Entitled

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14 AN ACT REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH
15 OR UTILIZE A SUBCOMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND TO
16 STUDY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE ARKANSAS CASINO
17 GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018, ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION,
18 AMENDMENT 100; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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22 REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OR
23 UTILIZATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
24 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND
25 TO STUDY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
26 ARKANSAS CASINO GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018.

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 117, Subchapter 1, is
32 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

33 23-117-102. Legislative Council advice and study.

34 (a)(1) The Legislative Council shall establish or utilize by rule a
35 subcommittee to provide advice on and study all matters related to The
36 Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment



1 100.

2 (2) The subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision
 3 (a)(1) of this section shall not advise on issues related solely to horse
 4 racing or greyhound racing.

5 (b) All matters pertaining to the following may be referred to the
 6 subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this
 7 section:

8 (1) The licensing and operation of casinos;

9 (2) The taxation and distribution of casino gaming proceeds;

10 (3) Rules promulgated by one (1) or more of the following state
 11 agencies regarding the implementation, administration, or enforcement of The
 12 Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment
 13 100:

14 (A) The Arkansas Racing Commission;

15 (B) The Department of Finance and Administration; and

16 (C) Any other state agency involved with the
 17 implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas Casino Gaming
 18 Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100;

19 (4) Proposed contracts of one (1) or more of the following state
 20 agencies in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more that
 21 relate to the implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas
 22 Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100:

23 (A) The commission;

24 (B) The department; and

25 (C) Any other state agency involved with the
 26 implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas Casino Gaming
 27 Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100; and

28 (5) Such other matters related to casinos as the Legislative
 29 Council considers necessary to provide advice on all matters related to The
 30 Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment
 31 100.

32 (c) The subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1)
 33 of this section shall perform a biennial study of the direct and indirect
 34 impact that casino gaming has or may have on socioeconomic indicators in the
 35 state, including without limitation gambling addiction, bankruptcy, home
 36 foreclosures, divorce, and any other factors identified by the Legislative

1 Council.

2 (d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, if a
3 matter referred to the subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision
4 (a)(1) of this section would otherwise require review or approval, or both,
5 by a separate subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the subcommittee
6 established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall serve
7 as the subcommittee of the Legislative Council that performs the required
8 review or approval, or both, of the matter.

9 (2) If proposed rules are submitted to a subcommittee other than
10 the Administrative Rules Subcommittee under this section, the proposed rules
11 are not subject to approval by the subcommittee established or utilized under
12 subdivision (a)(1) of this section but are submitted only for the purposes of
13 review and recommendation to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

14 (e)(1) During a regular, fiscal, or extraordinary session of the
15 General Assembly, the Joint Budget Committee shall perform the functions
16 assigned to the Legislative Council under this section.

17 (2) The Joint Budget Committee may establish or utilize a
18 subcommittee to perform the functions of the Legislative Council that are
19 assigned to the Joint Budget Committee under subdivision (e)(1) of this
20 section.

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