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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1655

5 By: Representatives Pilkington, J. Richardson
6 By: Senator C. Penzo
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES TO AWARD A PORTION
10 OF STATE CONTRACTS TO ARKANSAS BUSINESSES THAT HAVE
11 BEEN IN OPERATION FOR LESS THAN FIVE (5) YEARS; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 PORTION OF STATE CONTRACTS TO ARKANSAS
17 BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION
18 FOR LESS THAN FIVE (5) YEARS.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 19-11-108. Award of contracts to Arkansas businesses in operation less
27 than five (5) years – Definition.

28 (a) As used in this section, "state agency" means the same as defined
29 under § 19-11-203.

30 (b) The Office of State Procurement shall encourage each state agency
31 to award at least five percent (5%) of contracts entered into by the state
32 agency to businesses:

33 (1) That have been in operation for less than five (5) years;
34 and

35 (2) Whose principal place of business is in this state.
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