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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1526

By: Representatives Painter, Ray

By: Senator Crowell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY TO
ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS; TO AMEND THE
LAW CONCERNING GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
THE MILITARY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
MILITARY TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIPS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW
CONCERNING GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-60-105. Public-private partnerships and other forms of support –
Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "public-private partnership" means an
agreement between the Department of the Military and a private entity.

(b) The Secretary of the Department of the Military, subject to
promulgated rules, may:

(1)(A) Enter into a public-private partnership to facilitate the
activities of the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard
for recruiting and retention.

(B) A public-private partnership under this section is
subject to the requirements and limitations of this section and all other



1 laws, procedures, and rules to which the Department of the Military or the
2 Arkansas National Guard are subject;

3 (2) Accept voluntary services from a private entity to
4 facilitate recruiting and retention; and

5 (3) Accept, hold, administer, and use personal property or
6 services from a private entity for the purpose of facilitating recruiting and
7 retention.

8 (c) The Secretary of the Department of the Military shall:

9 (1) Not accept or use personal property or voluntary services
10 from a private entity if the acceptance or use of personal property or
11 voluntary services would compromise the integrity or the appearance of
12 integrity of:

13 (A) A program of the Department of the Military;

14 (B) A program of the Arkansas National Guard; or

15 (C) An individual involved with a program of the
16 Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard; and

17 (2) Promulgate rules to implement this section, including without
18 limitation rules regarding the establishment and implementation of a public-
19 private partnership.

20 (d)(1) Personal property accepted under this section may be used by
21 the Department of the Military.

22 (2) Services accepted under this section may be performed
23 without further specific authorization in law.

24 (e) An agreement for a public-private partnership under this section
25 shall be presented to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is
26 in session, to the Joint Budget Committee, for:

27 (1) Reporting if the total value of the personnel services or
28 property received by the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National
29 Guard under the agreement is more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but
30 less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in one (1) year or the total
31 projected value of the personnel services and property, including any
32 amendments or possible extensions, is under three hundred fifty thousand
33 dollars (\$350,000); and

34 (2) Review if the total value of the personnel services and
35 property received by the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National
36 Guard under the agreement is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in one

(1) year or the total projected value of the personnel services and property,
including any amendments or possible extensions, is at least three hundred
fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000).

/s/Painter