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A Bill

SENATE BILL 143

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5 By: Senator B. King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME REDUCTION AND PREVENTION; TO
10 AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO
11 COORDINATE WITH LOCAL SHERIFFS AND THE DIVISION OF
12 COMMUNITY CORRECTION IN CRIME REDUCTION AND
13 PREVENTION ACTIVITIES AND TO ASSIST IN PROBATION,
14 PAROLE, AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION SERVICES; TO
15 PROVIDE FUNDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF ARKANSAS
20 STATE POLICE TO COORDINATE WITH LOCAL
21 SHERIFFS AND THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY
22 CORRECTION IN CRIME REDUCTION AND
23 PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 8, Subchapter 1, is amended
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 12-8-130. Funding for probation and parole assistance.

30 After the deductions as specified in § 19-5-202 have been made and
31 before distributions provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et
32 seq., the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her
33 books and those of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State the sum of
34 one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) from sales and use tax collections
35 deposited into a cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
36 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the Department of Public Safety –



1 Division of Arkansas State Police to be used for:

2 (1) Crime reduction and prevention programs; and

3 (2) Assistance to the Division of Community Correction in the
4 provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services.

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-8-104, concerning the Director of the
7 Division of Arkansas State Police, is amended to add an additional subsection
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police may:

10 (1) Designate officers to participate in crime reduction and
11 prevention programs and to assist the Division of Community Correction in the
12 provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services;

13 (2) Enter into an agreement with the sheriff of a county to:

14 (A) Designate deputy sheriffs to participate in crime
15 reduction and prevention programs and to assist the Division of Community
16 Correction in the provision of probation, parole, and post-release
17 supervision services; and

18 (B) Provide compensation for a sheriff's participation in
19 the agreement; and

20 (3) Coordinate with the Director of the Division of Community
21 Correction to provide assistance in the provision of probation, parole, and
22 post-release supervision services.

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24 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-8-106(e), concerning the duties of the
25 Division of Arkansas State Police, is amended to read as follows:

26 (e)(1) ~~However, this~~ This chapter shall not be construed so as to take
27 away any authority of the regularly constituted peace officers in the state,
28 but the Division of Arkansas State Police shall cooperate with them in the
29 enforcement of the criminal laws of the state and assist such officers either
30 in the enforcement of the law or apprehension of criminals.

31 (2) Officers designated by the director under 12-8-104(1)(1) are
32 authorized to:

33 (A) Participate in crime reduction and prevention
34 programs; and

35 (B) Assist the Division of Community Correction in the
36 provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services.

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SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-27-126(d), concerning the duties of the Director of the Division of Community Correction, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(6) Coordinate with the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police regarding assistance with the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services under § 12-8-104(1).

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 15, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-15-507. Agreement with Division of Arkansas State Police.

The sheriff of a county may enter into an agreement under § 12-8-104(1)(2) to designate deputy sheriffs to:

- (1) Participate in crime reduction and prevention programs; and
- (2) Provide assistance to the Division of Community Correction in the provision of probation, parole, and post-release supervision services.