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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CABINET-LEVEL
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES; TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF A
11 CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE
12 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 LEVEL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES; AND TO
17 REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF A CABINET-LEVEL
18 DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE
19 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-38-202, concerning the appointment and
26 duties of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, and the creation of
27 the Department of Agriculture, is amended to add an additional subsection to
28 read as follows:

29 (c)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
30 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
31 department.

32 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
33 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
34 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
35 report as required in this subsection.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-43-303, concerning the duties of the
2 Secretary of the Department of Commerce, is amended to add an additional
3 subsection to read as follows:

4 (h)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
5 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
6 department.

7 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
8 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
9 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
10 report as required in this subsection.

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12 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 25-43-403, concerning the duties of the
13 Secretary of the Department of Corrections, is amended to add an additional
14 subsection to read as follows:

15 (d)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
16 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
17 department.

18 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
19 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
20 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
21 report as required in this subsection.

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23 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 25-43-503, concerning the duties of the
24 Secretary of the Department of Education, is amended to add an additional
25 subsection to read as follows:

26 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
27 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
28 department.

29 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
30 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
31 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
32 report as required in this subsection.

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34 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 25-43-603, concerning the duties of the
35 Secretary of the Department of Energy and Environment, is amended to add an
36 additional subsection to read as follows:

1 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
2 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
3 department.

4 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
5 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
6 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
7 report as required in this subsection.

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9 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 25-43-703, concerning the duties of the
10 Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, is amended to add
11 an additional subsection to read as follows:

12 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
13 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
14 department.

15 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
16 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
17 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
18 report as required in this subsection.

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20 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 25-43-803, concerning the duties of the
21 Secretary of the Department of Health, is amended to add an additional
22 subsection to read as follows:

23 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
24 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
25 department.

26 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
27 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
28 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
29 report as required in this subsection.

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31 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 25-43-903, concerning the duties of the
32 Secretary of the Department of Human Services, is amended to add an
33 additional subsection to read as follows:

34 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
35 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
36 department.

1 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
2 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
3 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
4 report as required in this subsection.

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6 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1003, concerning the duties of the
7 Secretary of the Department of Inspector General, is amended to add an
8 additional subsection to read as follows:

9 (g)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
10 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
11 department.

12 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
13 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
14 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
15 report as required in this subsection.

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17 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1103, concerning the duties of the
18 Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing, is amended to add an
19 additional subsection to read as follows:

20 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
21 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
22 department.

23 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
24 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
25 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
26 report as required in this subsection.

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28 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1203, concerning the duties of the
29 Secretary of the Department of the Military, is amended to add an additional
30 subsection to read as follows:

31 (g)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
32 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
33 department.

34 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
35 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
36 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her

1 report as required in this subsection.

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3 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1303, concerning the duties of the
4 Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, is amended to
5 add an additional subsection to read as follows:

6 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
7 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
8 department.

9 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
10 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
11 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
12 report as required in this subsection.

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14 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1403, concerning the duties of the
15 Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, is amended to add an additional
16 subsection to read as follows:

17 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
18 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
19 department.

20 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
21 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
22 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
23 report as required in this subsection.

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25 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1503, concerning the duties of the
26 Secretary of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services, is amended
27 to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

28 (f)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
29 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
30 department.

31 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
32 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
33 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
34 report as required in this subsection.

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36 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 25-43-1604, concerning the duties of the

1 Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, is amended to add an
2 additional subsection to read as follows:

3 (k)(1) By November 1 of each odd-numbered year, the secretary shall
4 provide an oral report to the Legislative Council on the state of the
5 department.

6 (2) The Legislative Council shall schedule an appropriate date
7 and shall give notice thereof to the secretary of the date on which the
8 secretary is to appear before the Legislative Council to make his or her
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