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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2123

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH
9 INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO REQUIRE CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES TO
12 ESTABLISH INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 25-1-118. Internship program.

22 (a) As used in this section:

23 (1) "Institution of higher education" means a public or private
24 university, college, technical college, or community college; and

25 (2)(A) "State agency" means an agency, authority, board, bureau,
26 commission, council, department, office, or officer of the state receiving an
27 appropriation by the General Assembly.

28 (B) "State agency" does not include:

29 (i) A state-supported institution of higher
30 learning; or

31 (ii) A county, municipality, school district, or
32 other political subdivision of the State of Arkansas.

33 (b) Each state agency with twenty-five (25) or more employees shall
34 establish an internship program for students enrolled in institutions of
35 higher education.

36 (c) A state agency establishing an internship program under subsection



1 (b) of this section shall emphasize employing interns in divisions of the
2 agency that:

3 (1) Require a professional license for employment; and

4 (2) Provide services to the public.

5 (d) A state agency establishing an internship program under this
6 section shall, when possible, assign interns employed under the program to
7 available authorized employment positions within the state agency to allow
8 the interns to be compensated for their work.

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