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A Bill

SENATE BILL 700

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PREPARE
9 REPORTS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
13 PREPARE REPORTS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE
14 COUNCIL.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 16, Subchapter 7, is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 25-16-717. Reports to Legislative Council.

24 (a) The Attorney General shall file a report with the Legislative
25 Council biannually itemizing and summarizing all lawsuits in which the
26 Attorney General is providing representation.

27 (b) The report shall list, with respect to each such lawsuit:

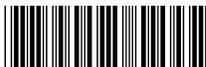
28 (1) A brief statement of the subject matter of the lawsuit;

29 (2) The amount of state tax dollars spent defending or
30 prosecuting the lawsuit for the previous six (6) months;

31 (3) If the lawsuit has reached a final judgment by the court or
32 reaches a settlement:

33 (A) The total amount of state tax dollars spent defending
34 or prosecuting the lawsuit;

35 (B) If the state was successful in defending the suit or
36 obtaining an award; and



1 (C) If the state obtained an award or settlement, the
2 amount of the award or settlement.

3 (4) The state entity, state employee, or elected official that
4 is the subject of the lawsuit, if any;

5 (5) The act, statute, policy, program, or rule being challenged,
6 if any; and

7 (6) Such additional information as will enable the members of
8 the Legislative Council to determine the nature, purpose, and cost of the
9 lawsuit.

10 (c) If an act of the General Assembly is determined by a court to be
11 unconstitutional, the Attorney General shall:

12 (1) Include a summary of the opinion of the court;

13 (2) Report if the lawsuit was a part of the review under §25-1-
14 125, as created by Acts 2021, No. 608;

15 (3) Report the total amount of state taxpayer dollars spent to
16 defend the lawsuit, including without limitation:

17 (A) An estimate of the salary of all employees required to
18 defend the lawsuit; and

19 (B) Any other expenses incurred in the defense of the
20 lawsuit.

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