

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1415

By: Representatives Evans, *Ladyman, Cozart, Warren, Payton, B. Smith, Kelly, Wing*
By: Senator Hill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFORM SECURITY PROTOCOL FOR
CERTAIN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EVENTS; TO CREATE A COMMITTEE
TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR CERTAIN
PUBLIC EVENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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CERTAIN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EVENTS; AND TO
CREATE A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND
SECURITY PROTOCOLS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC
EVENTS.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known as the "Security Protocol Act for Arkansas
Public Events".

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Uniform Security Protocol for Arkansas
Public Events Committee – Creation – Membership – Duties.

(a) There is created the Uniform Security Protocol for Arkansas Public
Events Committee.

(b)(1) The committee shall consist of ten (10) members to be appointed
as follows:

(A) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of
the University of Arkansas to be appointed by the President of the University



of Arkansas;

(B) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of Arkansas State University to be appointed by the President of Arkansas State University;

(C) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of the University of Central Arkansas to be appointed by the President of the University of Central Arkansas;

(D) One (1) member who is a law enforcement employee of a higher education institution in Arkansas that is a member of the Great American Conference to be appointed by the Governor;

(E) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Activities Association or his or her designee;

(F) One (1) member who is a security employee of Verizon Arena to be appointed by the Governor;

(G) The Director of the Department of Parks and Tourism or his or her designee;

(H) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police or his or her designee;

(I) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management or his or her designee; and

(J) A representative of Oaklawn Racing and Gaming appointed by the Governor.

(2) All appointments under this act shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

(3) If a vacancy occurs on the committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the same process as the original appointment.

(4) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement under Arkansas Code § 25-16-902, through the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

(c)(1) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management shall call the first meeting of the committee no later than September 30, 2019.

(2) At the first meeting of the committee, the members of the committee shall elect from its membership a chair and other officers as needed for the transaction of its business.

(3) The committee shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County

at the State Capitol or another facility that allows for public access and teleconferencing capabilities.

(4) Meetings of the committee shall be held at least one (1) time every two (2) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

(d) The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management shall provide staff and materials for the committee.

(e)(1) The committee shall establish rules and procedures for conducting its business.

(2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

(3) A majority vote of the members present shall be required for any action by the committee.

(f)(1)(A) The committee shall develop a suggested standard security protocol of best practices for admission procedures for public events, whether ticketed or unticketed, held at arenas, stadiums, auditoriums, and other facilities designed to hold large numbers of people for public events.

(B) In developing the protocol, the committee shall consider without limitation:

(i) Each applicable venue's size and capacity;

(ii) Whether the event is ticketed or unticketed;

(iii) Whether the venue is indoors or outside; and

(iv) Any other factor relevant to determining the appropriate security regulations for the different types of events and locations throughout the state.

(2) The protocol specifications shall include without limitation:

(A) Designation of the types and sizes of items that may be brought into an event;

(B) Standards for purses, bags, sacks, backpacks, and other implements designed to carry other items; and

(C) Standards and recommendations for secure admissions to public events.

(g)(1) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management on or before December 31, 2019.

(2)(A) The department shall notify the arenas, stadiums, auditoriums, and other facilities represented by the members of the committee

by publication of the findings and recommendations of the committee on its website.

(B) Upon request to the department, the findings and recommendations of the committee will be made available to any public entity for use at a ticketed or unticketed event.

(h) The committee expires on December 31, 2019.

/s/Evans

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