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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1777

By: Representative Love

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTING REGARDING THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS REGARDING THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 10, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

15-10-207. Reporting regarding the Weatherization Assistance Program. The Arkansas Energy Office of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality shall report to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor concerning the Weatherization Assistance Program as transferred to the office under § 25-14-103 and as authorized under § 15-10-205(a):

(1) When the office applies to the United States Department of Energy for the funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program as described in the state plan;

(2) At the midyear point of the Weatherization Assistance Program to show the statistics relating to budgeting, enrollment, and other information relating to the Weatherization Assistance Program; and



(3) At the end of the year of the Weatherization Assistance Program to show the total impact of the Weatherization Assistance Program and to discuss the renewal application for the funding for the Weatherization Assistance Program as described in the state plan.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-11-103 is repealed.

~~25-11-103. Funds transfer to the Weatherization Assistance Program. The Department of Human Services shall transfer annually to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) and up to a maximum of twenty five percent (25%), as allowed by federal law or regulation, of the annual allocation for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to be used by the Weatherization Assistance Program of the Arkansas Energy Office of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 14, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-14-103. Funds transfer to the Weatherization Assistance Program. The Department of Human Services shall transfer annually to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) and up to a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%), as allowed by federal law or regulation, of the annual allocation for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to be used by the Weatherization Assistance Program of the Arkansas Energy Office of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. If legislation concerning the transformation of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is enacted during this Regular Session of the General Assembly, the Arkansas Code Revisor and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall correct the references to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality consistent with those laws.

APPROVED: 4/8/19