

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

HOUSE BILL 1480

By: Representatives M. Berry, McGrew, Slape, B. Smith, Watson  
By: Senator Beckham

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

**Subtitle**

*TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES; AND TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF A CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.*

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-38-202, concerning the appointment and duties of the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, and the creation of the Department of Agriculture, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:*

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

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



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-43-303, concerning the duties of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

report as required in this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

/s/M. Berry

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