



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: SB231

Amendment Number: S1

Bill Subtitle: TO CONFER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY ON SELECT EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ARKANSAS LOTTERY.

Sponsors:

Sen. Dotson and Rep. Cozart

Basic Change:

SB231 (as engrossed 2/17/2025) would allow select members of the Investigation and Enforcement Division of the Office of the Arkansas Lottery (Lottery) to be certified as law enforcement officers. The certification as law enforcement officers will allow the agents to obtain access to investigatory tools to aid in their investigations of lottery theft, fraud and other lottery related offenses – both civil and criminal. The agents of the office shall:

- Conduct investigations related to violations of lottery-related laws or lottery-related administrative rules;
- Be considered law enforcement officers by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training (CLEST) under § 12-9-101; and
- Have statewide law enforcement authority.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

None.

Resources Required:

Initial start-up costs are estimated to be \$5,000.00 and ongoing costs of approximately \$100.00 annually. No new positions will be required. No additional physical office space or computer equipment will be required.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

Creation and implementation of law enforcement specific policies required by CLEST.

Other Comments:

None.



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Legal Analysis:

None.