

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

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HOUSE BILL 2038

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS
JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

*TO CREATE THE STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS
JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 27 – State and Federal Relations *JOINT INTERIM*
Committee

10-3-2701. State and Federal Relations *Joint Interim* Committee.

(a) There is created a legislative committee to be known as the "State and Federal Relations *Joint Interim* Committee".

(b) The committee shall consist of twenty (20) members as follows:

(1)(A) Seven (7) members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(B) No more than five (5) members of the Senate appointed to the committee shall represent the same political party; and

(2)(A) Thirteen (13) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) No more than eight (8) members of the House of Representatives appointed to the committee shall represent the same political party.



(c) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one (1) of their respective appointees as a cochair of the committee.

(d) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(e)(1) The committee shall meet upon the call of either or both of the cochairs of the committee.

(2) Eleven (11) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

(3) A quorum is required for any action of the committee.

(f) Members of the committee shall be paid per diem and mileage in the manner authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly.

10-3-2702. Powers and duties.

(a) As used in this section, "state agency" means every department, division, office, board, commission, and institution of this state, including state-supported institutions of higher education.

(b)(1) If the passage or implementation of a federal law or regulation results in a fiscal impact for a state agency exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), the state agency shall report the federal law or regulation to the State and Federal Relations *Joint Interim* Committee within ten (10) days of the passage or implementation of the federal law or regulation.

(2) The committee shall:

(A) Review federal laws and regulations reported to it under subdivision (b)(1) of this section;

(B) Upon a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present, file a letter of grievance with the governmental body or federal agency issuing the federal law or regulation; and

(C) Upon a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present, issue a recommendation to the Legislative Council or the General Assembly that a resolution of grievance be adopted and delivered to the governmental body or federal agency issuing the federal law or regulation.

(c)(1) A state agency receiving federal funds shall issue a report to the committee no later than November 1 of each even-numbered year concerning:

(A) The uses of the federal funds by the state agency; and

(B) Stipulations that are associated with the federal funds received by the state agency.

(2)(A) The report shall include a contingency plan for the state agency should the federal funds decrease by ten percent (10%).

(B) Upon request of the committee, a state agency shall include in its report additional contingencies should federal funds decrease in amounts specified by the committee.

(d) The committee may request that a state agency appear before the committee to discuss federal funds received by the state agency.

(e) The committee shall communicate with similar committees established by the legislatures of other states regarding:

(1) Federal mandates imposed upon states;

(2) Federal funds received by state agencies; and

(3) The duties of the committee as compared to the duties of similar legislative committees of other states.

/s/S. Meeks