

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

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**A Bill**

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFORM DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM TO LOCATE VETERANS IN ARKANSAS TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO CREATE A UNIFORM DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM TO LOCATE VETERANS IN ARKANSAS TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 81, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

*20-81-113. To create a uniform data collection system.*

*(a) The Department of Veterans Affairs may establish a uniform data collection system to locate veterans and military families to determine need and direct appropriate services to veterans and military families in this state.*

*(b) All instrumentalities of state government shall:*

*(1) Cooperate with the Department of Veterans Affairs to implement the Uniform Data Collection System;*

*(2) Supply the information requested by the department to*



implement the system; and

(3) Ask each applicant for and recipient of government services if he or she has ever served in the military.

(B) If an applicant for or a recipient of government services states that they have served in the military, the instrumentality of the state government shall:

(i) Attempt to collect all information requested by the department to be collected; and

(ii) Provide the information obtained to the department.

(c) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

/s/V. Flowers