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A Bill

SENATE BILL 87

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DIVISION OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND NONPROFIT SUPPORT; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DIVISION
OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND NONPROFIT
SUPPORT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-10-128 is amended to read as follows:
25-10-128. Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support.

(a) There is created in the Department of Human Services a Division of
Community Service and Nonprofit Support.

(b)(1) Administrative assistance to coordinate the activities of the
division shall be given by a Deputy Director for Community Service and
Nonprofit Support who ~~will~~ shall devote full time to the duties of the office
of deputy director and assume the responsibility for carrying out the duties
prescribed by this section.

(2) The deputy director shall employ any employees who are
necessary to carry out the goals of the office of deputy director, subject to
appropriation by the General Assembly.

(c) The duties and responsibilities of the ~~Division of Community
Service and Nonprofit Support~~ division are to:

(1) Assess and recognize the needs of communities throughout



Arkansas and to recruit, train, and coordinate volunteers and volunteer organizations in meeting those needs;

(2) Assist in specific projects involving volunteers to meet community needs;

(3) Provide greater public awareness and recognition of volunteer efforts; and

(4) Assist in devising training programs for use by community organizations that have programs to assist ~~welfare~~ recipients of public assistance and to assist other divisions of the department in devising and administering programs to match those current and past ~~welfare~~ recipients of public assistance with any community organizations that desire to assist them.

(d)(1) ~~The program and staff of the Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support~~ division will shall be assisted by an advisory ~~council~~ commission on national service and volunteerism.

(2) ~~It will shall~~ be the responsibility of ~~this council~~ the commission to assist the staff in setting goals, establishing priority activities, performing an advocacy role, and assisting in funding and resource development and publicity and recognition and awards programs.

(3)(A) ~~Council~~ Commission members shall be appointed by the Governor from existing state, local, and private agencies ~~that operate~~ volunteer programs and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(B)(i) Members of the commission shall be appointed by the Governor on a bipartisan basis.

(ii) It shall consist of an odd number of members with no fewer than fifteen (15) and no more than twenty-five (25) voting members.

(iii) Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting members of the commission plus one (1) voting member may be from the same political party.

(iv) To the extent possible, it shall be balanced according to race, ethnicity, age, disability, and gender characteristics.

(C) The commission shall include the following nine (9) voting members:

(i) An individual with expertise in the educational, training, and developmental needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;

(ii) An individual with experience in promoting the involvement of older adults in service and volunteering;

(iii) A representative of community-based agencies or community-based organizations within the state;

(iv) A representative of the state educational agency;

(v) A representative of local governments in the state;

(vi) A representative of local labor organizations in the state;

(vii) A representative of business and industry in Arkansas;

(viii) An individual between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-five (25) who is a participant or supervisor in a volunteer or service program; and

(ix) A representative of a National Service Program as described in the National and Community Services Trust Act of 1993, Pub. L. No. 103-82.

(D) The terms of office shall be staggered between one (1) and five (5) years and shall be determined by lot at the commission's initial meeting.