

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 TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO TRANSFER THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD; AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-90-706(a)(4), concerning the logistical support and powers of the Crime Victims Reparations Board, is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) The board shall be provided such office, support staff, and secretarial services as necessary by the ~~office of the Attorney General~~ Department of Finance and Administration.

(B) The support staff and secretarial services described in subdivision (a)(4)(A) of this section may also be assigned by the ~~Attorney General~~ department to engage in additional ~~legal~~ work in other areas that do not involve crime victims reparations.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-90-707(a), concerning the annual report by the Crime Victims Reparations Board, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Crime Victims Reparations Board shall prepare and transmit annually a report of its activities to the ~~Governor~~ Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-90-715 is amended to read as follows:

16-90-715. Action by state against convicted person for recovery of reparations.

(a)(1) Whenever any person is convicted of a crime and an order for the payment of reparations is or has been made under this subchapter for a personal injury or death resulting from the act or omission constituting the crime for which conviction was had, the ~~Attorney General~~ Director of the Department of Finance and Administration may institute a civil action against the convicted person for the recovery of all or any part of the reparations paid.

(2)(A) The suit shall be instituted in the circuit court having jurisdiction in the county in which the person resides or is found or in Pulaski County.

(B) The circuit court shall have jurisdiction to hear, determine, and render judgment in the action.

(3)(A) Any amount recovered under this subsection shall be credited to the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund.

(B) If an amount greater than that paid pursuant to the order for payment of reparations is recovered and collected in the action, the Crime Victims Reparations Board shall pay the balance to the claimant.

(b) The board shall provide the ~~Attorney General~~ director with such information, data, and reports as he or she may require to institute actions in accordance with this section.

(c) The director may request the assistance of the Attorney General in instituting a civil action against the convicted person for the recovery of all or any part of the reparations paid.