

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

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By: Senators B. Davis, Bledsoe, Caldwell, L. Eads, Elliott, Flippo, Hester, M. Johnson, G. Leding, Rapert, G. Stubblefield, J. Sturch, C. Tucker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH OR UTILIZE A SUBCOMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND TO STUDY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE ARKANSAS CASINO GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018, ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 100; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OR UTILIZATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND TO STUDY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE ARKANSAS CASINO GAMING AMENDMENT OF 2018.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 117, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-117-102. Legislative Council advice and study.

(a)(1) The Legislative Council may establish or utilize by rule a subcommittee to provide advice on and study all matters related to The



Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100.

(2) The subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall not advise on issues related solely to horse racing or greyhound racing.

(b) All matters pertaining to the following may be referred to the subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this section:

(1) The licensing and operation of casinos;

(2) The taxation and distribution of casino gaming proceeds;

(3) Rules promulgated by one (1) or more of the following state agencies regarding the implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100:

(A) The Arkansas Racing Commission;

(B) The Department of Finance and Administration; and

(C) Any other state agency involved with the

implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100;

(4) Proposed contracts of one (1) or more of the following state agencies in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more that relate to the implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100:

(A) The commission;

(B) The department; and

(C) Any other state agency involved with the

implementation, administration, or enforcement of The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100; and

(5) Such other matters related to casinos as the Legislative Council considers necessary to provide advice on all matters related to The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100.

(c) The subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this section may perform a biennial study of the direct and indirect impact that casino gaming has or may have on socioeconomic indicators in the state, including without limitation gambling addiction, bankruptcy, home

foreclosures, divorce, and any other factors identified by the Legislative Council.

(d)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, if a matter referred to the subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this section would otherwise require review or approval, or both, by a separate subcommittee of the Legislative Council, the subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall serve as the subcommittee of the Legislative Council that performs the required review or approval, or both, of the matter.

(2) If proposed rules are submitted to a subcommittee other than the Administrative Rules Subcommittee under this section, the proposed rules are not subject to approval by the subcommittee established or utilized under subdivision (a)(1) of this section but are submitted only for the purposes of review and recommendation to the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

(e)(1) During a regular, fiscal, or extraordinary session of the General Assembly, the Joint Budget Committee shall perform the functions assigned to the Legislative Council under this section.

(2) The Joint Budget Committee may establish or utilize a subcommittee to perform the functions of the Legislative Council that are assigned to the Joint Budget Committee under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

/s/V. Flowers