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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 700

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PREPARE  
REPORTS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO  
PREPARE REPORTS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 16, Subchapter 7, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-16-717. Reports to Legislative Council.

(a) The Attorney General shall file a report with the Legislative Council biannually itemizing and summarizing all lawsuits in which the Attorney General is providing representation.

(b) The report shall list, with respect to each such lawsuit:

(1) A brief statement of the subject matter of the lawsuit;

(2) The amount of state tax dollars spent defending or prosecuting the lawsuit for the previous six (6) months;

(3) If the lawsuit has reached a final judgment by the court or reaches a settlement:

(A) The total amount of state tax dollars spent defending or prosecuting the lawsuit;

(B) If the state was successful in defending the suit or obtaining an award; and



(C) If the state obtained an award or settlement, the amount of the award or settlement.

(4) The state entity, state employee, or elected official that is the subject of the lawsuit, if any;

(5) The act, statute, policy, program, or rule being challenged, if any; and

(6) Such additional information as will enable the members of the Legislative Council to determine the nature, purpose, and cost of the lawsuit.

(c) If an act of the General Assembly is determined by a court to be unconstitutional, the Attorney General shall:

(1) Include a summary of the opinion of the court;

(2) Report if the lawsuit was a part of the review under §25-1-125, as created by Acts 2021, No. 608;

(3) Report the total amount of state taxpayer dollars spent to defend the lawsuit, including without limitation:

(A) An estimate of the salary of all employees required to defend the lawsuit; and

(B) Any other expenses incurred in the defense of the lawsuit.