

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

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1656

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REPORT CONCERNING FUNDS  
SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS OR PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS  
STARTING NEW BUSINESSES OR BUSINESSES ESTABLISHED  
WITHIN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A REPORT CONCERNING FUNDS  
SUPPORTING PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS  
STARTING NEW BUSINESSES OR BUSINESSES  
ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS FIVE  
YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 43, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-43-306. Report concerning funds supporting organizations or programs for individuals starting new businesses or businesses established within the previous five (5) years.

(a) By January 1 of each year the Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall file an annual report that includes without limitation:

(1) The percentage of workforce development funding, including without limitation funding allocated by workforce development boards across the state, supporting organizations or programs:

(A) For individuals starting new businesses in this state;



or

(B) That provide services to businesses established within the previous five (5) years whose principal place of business is in this state; and

(2) The total dollar amount of workforce development funding, including without limitation funding allocated by workforce development boards across the state, supporting organizations or programs:

(A) For individuals starting new businesses in this state;

or

(B) That provide services to businesses established within the previous five (5) years whose principal place of business is in this state.

(b) The annual report under subsection (a) of this section shall be filed with the:

(1) Governor;

(2) House Committee on Insurance and Commerce; and

(3) Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. The first annual report under § 15-4-221 is due by January 1, 2025.