

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 381

By: Senator A. Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REGULAR TRAINING OF PUBLIC GOVERNING BODIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967; AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REGULAR TRAINING OF PUBLIC GOVERNING BODIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 19, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25-19-113. Mandatory training.

(a) Each year the members of the governing body of each city, county, and school board shall attend an annual training session concerning the requirements of this chapter.

(b) The annual training session required under subsection (a) of this section shall:

(1) Consist of in-person training or live training by video conference provided by a person knowledgeable about this chapter;

(2) Be a minimum of one (1) hour;

(3) Be open to the public; and

(4) Cover all of the following specialized areas related to this chapter:

(A) Newly enacted legislation, if any;

(B) New precedent from the Supreme Court or the Court of



Appeals, if any;

(C) The requirements for public meetings;

(D) The requirements for public records; and

(E) The rules and best practices governing a custodian's
response to requests for public records.

/s/A. Clark