

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1526

By: Representatives Painter, Ray

By: Senator Crowell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-60-105. Public-private partnerships and other forms of support – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "public-private partnership" means an agreement between the Department of the Military and a private entity.

(b) The Secretary of the Department of the Military, subject to promulgated rules, may:

(1)(A) Enter into a public-private partnership to facilitate the activities of the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard for recruiting and retention.

(B) A public-private partnership under this section is subject to the requirements and limitations of this section and all other



laws, procedures, and rules to which the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard are subject;

(2) Accept voluntary services from a private entity to facilitate recruiting and retention; and

(3) Accept, hold, administer, and use personal property or services from a private entity for the purpose of facilitating recruiting and retention.

(c) The Secretary of the Department of the Military shall:

(1) Not accept or use personal property or voluntary services from a private entity if the acceptance or use of personal property or voluntary services would compromise the integrity or the appearance of integrity of:

(A) A program of the Department of the Military;

(B) A program of the Arkansas National Guard; or

(C) An individual involved with a program of the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard; and

(2) Promulgate rules to implement this section, including without limitation rules regarding the establishment and implementation of a public-private partnership.

(d)(1) Personal property accepted under this section may be used by the Department of the Military.

(2) Services accepted under this section may be performed without further specific authorization in law.

(e) An agreement for a public-private partnership under this section shall be presented to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the Joint Budget Committee, for:

(1) Reporting if the total value of the personnel services or property received by the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard under the agreement is more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in one (1) year or the total projected value of the personnel services and property, including any amendments or possible extensions, is under three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000); and

(2) Review if the total value of the personnel services and property received by the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard under the agreement is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in one

(1) year or the total projected value of the personnel services and property, including any amendments or possible extensions, is at least three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000).

/s/Painter