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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1450

5 By: Representative Painter  
6 By: Senator Hill  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REPORTS BY THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REPORTS BY  
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-16-310 is repealed.

20 ~~2-16-310. Annual report.~~

21 ~~The State Plant Board shall make an annual report to the Governor, in~~  
22 ~~which report it shall give an account of the disposition of the~~  
23 ~~appropriations which may be made for the purposes of carrying out the~~  
24 ~~provisions of this subchapter.~~  
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26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-2103(d), concerning the annual report  
27 prepared by the farm to school and early childhood education program  
28 coordinator, is repealed.

29 ~~(d) The farm to school and early childhood education program~~  
30 ~~coordinator shall:~~

31 ~~(1) Prepare an annual report, in collaboration with~~  
32 ~~stakeholders, that details the program activities conducted in furtherance of~~  
33 ~~the following three (3) core elements of the farm to school and early~~  
34 ~~childhood education program:~~

35 ~~(A) School gardens;~~

36 ~~(B) Food, nutrition, and agriculture education; and~~



1                   ~~(C) Procurement of local farm or food products for school~~  
 2 ~~meals and snacks; and~~

3                   ~~(2) Submit the annual report to the House Committee on~~  
 4 ~~Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development and to the Senate Committee~~  
 5 ~~on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development.~~

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 7           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 15-23-1002(e)(2), concerning the annual  
 8 review and report on the Buffalo River Watershed Management Plan by the  
 9 Buffalo River Conservation Committee, is repealed.

10                   ~~(2) Conduct an annual review of the Buffalo River Watershed~~  
 11 ~~Management Plan and include recommendations for updates of the plan and a~~  
 12 ~~report on successes during the year, as identified by the committee, to be~~  
 13 ~~submitted to the Governor;~~

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 15           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 20-60-217 is repealed.  
 16 ~~20-60-217. Reporting.~~

17                   ~~Annually, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall submit a~~  
 18 ~~report on the operations, implementation, and administration of the State~~  
 19 ~~Meat Inspection Program to the:~~

20                   ~~(1) Governor;~~

21                   ~~(2) Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and~~  
 22 ~~Economic Development; and~~

23                   ~~(3) Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and~~  
 24 ~~Economic Development.~~

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 26           SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 25-38-203(a)(11), concerning the annual  
 27 report by the Department of Agriculture of the department's expenditures and  
 28 accomplishments provided to the Governor, is amended to read as follows:

29                   (11) Prepare and submit annually to the Governor a report of the  
 30 Department of Agriculture's ~~expenditures and accomplishments~~ activities and  
 31 programs, including ~~information from all entities~~ boards and commissions  
 32 administered by the Department of Agriculture;

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 34           SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 25-38-203(a)(13), concerning the report by  
 35 the Department of Agriculture concerning certain boards and commissions, is  
 36 repealed.

1           ~~(13) Develop a report to be submitted each year on January 1 to~~  
 2 ~~the Governor, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic~~  
 3 ~~Development, and the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic~~  
 4 ~~Development, concerning the activities and programs of the:~~

- 5                     ~~(A) Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board;~~
- 6                     ~~(B) Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board;~~
- 7                     ~~(C) Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board;~~
- 8                     ~~(D) Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board;~~
- 9                     ~~(E) Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board; and~~
- 10                    ~~(F) Arkansas Beef Council.~~

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