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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1515

5 By: Representatives Painter, Ray
6 By: Senator Crowell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY TO
10 ORDER THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD INTO SERVICE; TO
11 AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD FOR
12 MATTERS RELATED TO MILITARY JUSTICE AND TO ADDRESS
13 STAFFING SHORTAGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
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19 USE OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD FOR
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21 TO ADDRESS STAFFING SHORTAGES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-61-111, concerning ordering the
27 organized militia into service, is amended to add an additional subsection to
28 read as follows:

29 (c) With the approval of the Governor, the Adjutant General shall have
30 power to order into the active service of the state for such a period, to
31 such extent, and in such manner as he or she may deem necessary part of the
32 Arkansas National Guard for:

33 (1) Matters related to the execution of military justice within
34 §§ 12-64-403 – 12-64-405, § 12-64-407, §§ 12-64-409 – 12-64-412, § 12-64-414,
35 § 12-64-504, § 12-64-510, § 12-64-517, § 12-64-606, § 12-64-707, § 12-64-709,
36 and § 12-64-710 for an accused, a witness, prosecution counsel, defense



1 counsel, a paralegal, a military judge, a preliminary hearing officer, a
2 deposition officer, a marshal, a bailiff, a court reporter, or a panel member
3 when duty status orders under Title 32 of the United States Code are
4 unavailable; or

5 (2) Voluntary support in a state active-duty status of the
6 Arkansas National Guard to address critical staffing shortages related to
7 security and essential military operations.

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/s/Painter

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