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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1842

By: Representative Tosh

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE OFFICE OF
CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES REVIEW COORDINATOR; TO
PLACE THE OFFICE WITHIN THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON
LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE OFFICE OF
CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITIES REVIEW
COORDINATOR; AND TO PLACE THE OFFICE
WITHIN THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION ON LAW
ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-26-103, as amended by Acts 2025, No.
172, is amended to read as follows:

12-26-103. Office of Criminal Detention Facilities Review Coordinator
— Creation — Duties.

(a) There is established the Office of Criminal Detention Facilities
Review Coordinator within the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement
Standards and Training of the Department of Public Safety which shall consist
of:

(1) A Criminal Detention Facilities Review Coordinator, who
shall be hired and employed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of
the Department of Public Safety;



1 (2) An administrative assistant; and

2 (3) Other staff permanently or temporarily assigned from within
3 the Department of Public Safety.

4 (b) The office shall be responsible for promulgating, upon approval of
5 the secretary, minimum standards for the construction, maintenance, and
6 operation of local, county, regional, or state criminal detention facilities
7 and juvenile detention facilities in accordance with the Arkansas
8 Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

9 (c) The coordinator shall perform all duties assigned by the ~~secretary~~
10 Director of the Division of Law Enforcement Standards and Training to assure
11 uniformity in the interpretation and administration of the minimum standards
12 by the several criminal facility detention review committees.

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