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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS
9 *JOINT INTERIM* COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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12 *TO CREATE THE STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS*
13 *JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE.*
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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 Title 10, Chapter 3, is amended to add an
20 additional subchapter to read as follows:

21 Subchapter 27 – State and Federal Relations *JOINT INTERIM*
22 Committee
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24 10-3-2701. State and Federal Relations *Joint Interim* Committee.

25 (a) There is created a legislative committee to be known as the "State
26 and Federal Relations *Joint Interim* Committee".

27 (b) The committee shall consist of twenty (20) members as follows:

28 (1)(A) *Seven (7) members of the Senate appointed by the*
29 *President Pro Tempore of the Senate.*

30 (B) *No more than five (5) members of the Senate appointed*
31 *to the committee shall represent the same political party; and*

32 (2)(A) *Thirteen (13) members of the House of Representatives*
33 *appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

34 (B) *No more than eight (8) members of the House of*
35 *Representatives appointed to the committee shall represent the same political*
36 *party.*



1 (c) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives shall each designate one (1) of their respective
3 appointees as a cochair of the committee.

4 (d) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, the vacancy shall be
5 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

6 (e)(1) The committee shall meet upon the call of either or both of the
7 cochairs of the committee.

8 (2) Eleven (11) members of the committee shall constitute a
9 quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

10 (3) A quorum is required for any action of the committee.

11 (f) Members of the committee shall be paid per diem and mileage in the
12 manner authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of
13 the General Assembly.

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15 10-3-2702. Powers and duties.

16 (a) As used in this section, "state agency" means every department,
17 division, office, board, commission, and institution of this state, including
18 state-supported institutions of higher education.

19 (b)(1) If the passage or implementation of a federal law or regulation
20 results in a fiscal impact for a state agency exceeding one hundred thousand
21 dollars (\$100,000), the state agency shall report the federal law or
22 regulation to the State and Federal Relations *Joint Interim* Committee within
23 ten (10) days of the passage or implementation of the federal law or
24 regulation.

25 (2) The committee shall:

26 (A) Review federal laws and regulations reported to it
27 under subdivision (b)(1) of this section;

28 (B) Upon a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members
29 present, file a letter of grievance with the governmental body or federal
30 agency issuing the federal law or regulation; and

31 (C) Upon a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members
32 present, issue a recommendation to the Legislative Council or the General
33 Assembly that a resolution of grievance be adopted and delivered to the
34 governmental body or federal agency issuing the federal law or regulation.

35 (c)(1) A state agency receiving federal funds shall issue a report to
36 the committee no later than November 1 of each even-numbered year concerning:

