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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1375

5 By: Representatives Pilkington, J. Richardson
6 By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REPORT CONCERNING FUNDS
10 SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS OR PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS
11 STARTING NEW BUSINESSES OR BUSINESSES ESTABLISHED
12 WITHIN THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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21 YEARS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 43, Subchapter 3, is
26 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 25-43-306. Report concerning funds supporting organizations or
28 programs for individuals starting new businesses or businesses established
29 within the previous five years.

30 (a) By January 1 of each year the Secretary of the Department of
31 Commerce shall file an annual report that includes without limitation:

32 (1) The percentage of workforce development funding, including
33 without limitation funding allocated by workforce development boards across
34 the state, supporting organizations or programs:

35 (A) For individuals starting new businesses in this state;
36 or



1 (B) That provide services to businesses established within
2 the previous five (5) years whose principal place of business is in this
3 state; and

4 (2) The total dollar amount of workforce development funding,
5 including without limitation funding allocated by workforce development
6 boards across the state, supporting organizations or programs:

7 (A) For individuals starting new businesses in this state;
8 or

9 (B) That provide services to businesses established within
10 the previous five (5) years whose principal place of business is in this
11 state.

12 (b) The annual report under subsection (a) of this section shall be
13 filed with the:

14 (1) Governor;

15 (2) House Committee on Insurance and Commerce; and

16 (3) Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce.

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18 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. The first annual
19 report under § 25-43-306 is due by January 1, 2027.
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