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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1376

5 By: Representatives Pilkington, J. Richardson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES TO AWARD A PORTION
10 OF STATE CONTRACTS TO ARKANSAS BUSINESSES THAT HAVE
11 BEEN IN OPERATION FOR LESS THAN FIVE YEARS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES TO AWARD A
17 PORTION OF STATE CONTRACTS TO ARKANSAS
18 BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION
19 FOR LESS THAN FIVE YEARS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1, is
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 19-11-108. Award of contracts to Arkansas businesses in operation less
26 than five years – Definition.

27 (a) As used in this section, "state agency" means the same as defined
28 under § 19-11-203.

29 (b) The Office of State Procurement shall encourage each state agency
30 to award at least five percent (5%) of contracts entered into by the state
31 agency to businesses:

32 (1) That have been in operation for less than five (5) years;
33 and

34 (2) Whose principal place of business is in this state.
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