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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1526

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

9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY TO  
10 ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS; TO AMEND THE  
11 LAW CONCERNING GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 THE MILITARY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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17 PARTNERSHIPS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW  
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19 DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is  
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 12-60-105. Public-private partnerships and other forms of support –  
27 Definition.

28 (a) As used in this section, "public-private partnership" means an  
29 agreement between the Department of the Military and a private entity.

30 (b) The Secretary of the Department of the Military, subject to  
31 promulgated rules, may:

32 (1)(A) Enter into a public-private partnership to facilitate the  
33 activities of the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard  
34 for recruiting and retention.

35 (B) A public-private partnership under this section is  
36 subject to the requirements and limitations of this section and all other



1 laws, procedures, and rules to which the Department of the Military or the  
2 Arkansas National Guard are subject;

3 (2) Accept voluntary services from a private entity to  
4 facilitate recruiting and retention; and

5 (3) Accept, hold, administer, and use personal property or  
6 services from a private entity for the purpose of facilitating recruiting and  
7 retention.

8 (c) The Secretary of the Department of the Military shall:

9 (1) Not accept or use personal property or voluntary services  
10 from a private entity if the acceptance or use of personal property or  
11 voluntary services would compromise the integrity or the appearance of  
12 integrity of:

13 (A) A program of the Department of the Military;

14 (B) A program of the Arkansas National Guard; or

15 (C) An individual involved with a program of the  
16 Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard; and

17 (2) Promulgate rules to implement this section, including without  
18 limitation rules regarding the establishment and implementation of a public-  
19 private partnership.

20 (d)(1) Personal property accepted under this section may be used by  
21 the Department of the Military.

22 (2) Services accepted under this section may be performed  
23 without further specific authorization in law.

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