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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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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 may:

31 (1)(A) Enter into a public-private partnership to facilitate the  
32 activities of the Department of the Military or the Arkansas National Guard,  
33 including without limitation recruiting, retention, and domestic operations.

34 (B) A public-private partnership under this section is  
35 subject to the requirements and limitations of this section and all other  
36 laws, procedures, and rules to which the Department of the Military or the



1 Arkansas National Guard are subject;

2 (2) Accept voluntary services from a private entity:

3 (A) To facilitate recruiting and retention; and

4 (B) For state active-duty domestic operations.

5 (3) Allow a private entity to use personal property of the  
6 Department of the Military at no cost to assist the private entity in  
7 supporting the activities of the Department of the Military or the Arkansas  
8 National Guard;

9 (4) Accept, hold, administer, spend, or use a gift of personal  
10 property, funds, or services from a private entity if the gift is used for  
11 the purpose of facilitating recruiting, retention, or domestic operations;

12 (5) Pay all necessary expenses for the conveyance or transfer of  
13 a gift accepted under this section;

14 (6) Pay all expenses related to a public-private partnership,  
15 including without limitation travel, meals, lodging expenses, and other  
16 logistical costs.

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

18 (1) Pay all necessary expenses for the maintenance of a gift  
19 accepted under this section;

20 (2) Deposit a bequest of funds accepted under this section in  
21 the State Treasury in a cash fund as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer  
22 of the State for the Arkansas Department of the Military;

23 (3) Not accept or use a gift of personal property, bequest of  
24 funds, or voluntary services if the acceptance or use of the gift of personal  
25 property, bequest of funds, or voluntary services would compromise the  
26 integrity or the appearance of integrity of:

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

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

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

31 (4) Promulgate rules to implement this section, including  
32 without limitation rules regarding the establishment and implementation of a  
33 public-private partnership.

34 (d)(1) Personal property or funds accepted under this section may be  
35 used by the Department of the Military.

36 (2) Services accepted under this section may be performed

1 without further specific authorization in law.

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