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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DESIGNATIONS
10 RELATED TO CERTAIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRANT PROGRAMS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DESIGNATIONS
16 RELATED TO CERTAIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
17 GRANT PROGRAMS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-1-111 is amended to read as follows:

22 25-1-111. Designation related to certain criminal justice grant
23 programs – Grant Advisory Board – Definition.

24 (a) The Governor shall have the authority to designate the state
25 agency responsible for the administration and disbursement of funds received
26 by the State of Arkansas under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, 34 U.S.C. §§
27 20101 – 20111, the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-322,
28 ~~and~~ the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, 42 U.S.C. § 10401 et
29 seq., and the sexual assault services program, 34 U.S.C. § 12511, in the
30 manner authorized by federal law.

31 (b) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section
32 shall not disburse Victims of Crime Act grant program, STOP Violence Against
33 Women Act grant program, ~~or~~ Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant
34 program ~~funds~~, or sexual assault services program funds without providing an
35 opportunity for subgrantee qualification selection assistance and
36 programmatic support by the ~~Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence~~



1 ~~Commission and the~~ Grant Advisory Board.

2 (c)(1) The Grant Advisory Board is established under this section to
3 assist potential beneficiaries of the Victims of Crime Act grant program,
4 STOP Violence Against Women Act grant program, ~~or~~ Family Violence Prevention
5 and Services Act grant program ~~funds~~, or sexual assault services program
6 funds by:

7 (A)(i) Providing review and advice concerning grant
8 processes and grant funding.

9 (ii) If a member of the Grant Advisory Board has a
10 financial interest in an organization seeking grant funding under subdivision
11 (c)(1)(A)(i) of this section, the member may participate in discussion
12 regarding the award of the grant, but the member shall not vote on the
13 matter;

14 (B) Hearing grievances from the beneficiaries of those
15 funds; and

16 (C) After Grant Advisory Board review, requiring the state
17 agency to provide timely notification to the Grant Advisory Board of any
18 revisions to existing rules and any proposed rules to be promulgated, within
19 federal guidelines, by the state agency designated by the Governor under this
20 section, concerning the Victims of Crime Act grant program, STOP Violence
21 Against Women Act grant program, ~~or~~ Family Violence Prevention and Services
22 Act grant program ~~funds~~, or sexual assault services program funds, and any
23 applicable policies and procedures.

24 (2) The Grant Advisory Board shall consist of:

25 (A) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas
26 Coalition Against Sexual Assault;

27 (B) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas
28 Coalition Against Domestic Violence;

29 (C) Two (2) representatives selected by the Arkansas State
30 CASA Association;

31 (D) Two (2) representatives selected by the Prosecution
32 Coordination Commission;

33 (E) One (1) representative selected by the Criminal
34 Justice Institute Advisory Board for Law Enforcement Management Training and
35 Education; ~~and~~

36 (F) One (1) representative selected by the Arkansas Child

1 Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission; and

2 (G) One (1) representative each from any other advisory
3 body determined to be necessary by the state administrative agency, including
4 without limitation, the elderly, non-English-speaking residents, disabled
5 persons, members of racial or ethnic minorities, and residents of rural or
6 remote areas.

7 (d) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section
8 shall not disburse Victims of Crime Act grant program funds without providing
9 an opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant processes and grant
10 funding by the Grant Advisory Board.

11 (e)(1) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section
12 shall not disburse funds under the law enforcement, prosecution, and
13 judiciary percentages of the STOP Violence Against Women Act grant program,
14 without providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant
15 processes and grant funding by the Grant Advisory Board.

16 (2) The state agency designated by the Governor under this
17 section shall not disburse funds under the victims services and discretionary
18 percentages of the STOP Violence Against Women Act grant program without
19 providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant processes
20 and grant funding by the Grant Advisory Board.

21 (f) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section
22 shall not disburse Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant program
23 funds without providing an opportunity for review of and advice concerning
24 grant processes and grant funding by the Grant Advisory Board.

25 (g) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section
26 shall not disburse sexual assault services program funds without providing an
27 opportunity for review of and advice concerning grant processes and grant
28 funding by the Grant Advisory Board.

29 (h) The state agency designated by the Governor under this section
30 shall, after the review and recommendations of the Grant Advisory Board,
31 promulgate rules consistent with federal law setting forth the policies and
32 procedures for the administration and disbursement of Victims of Crime Act
33 grant program, STOP Violence Against Women Act grant program, ~~and~~ Family
34 Violence Prevention and Services Act grant program ~~funds~~, and sexual assault
35 services program funds, including policies and procedures for the
36 participation and assistance of advisory bodies established to assist

1 potential beneficiaries of those funds.

2 (h)(1)(i) The Grant Advisory Board shall prepare and submit a written
 3 report quarterly to the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental
 4 Affairs and the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
 5 that includes:

6 (1) The status of the administration and disbursement of funds
 7 received by the state, in a manner authorized by federal law, under the:

8 (A) Victims of Crime Act of 1984, 34 U.S.C. §§ 20101 -
 9 20111;

10 (B) Violence Against Women Act of 1994, Pub L. No. 103 -
 11 322;

12 (C) Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, 42 U.S.C.
 13 § 10401 et seq.; and

14 (D) Sexual assault services program, 34 U.S.C. § 12511;
 15 and

16 (2) The status of funding levels for support and continuity of
 17 victim services programs.

18 (j)(1) As used in this section, “review” means an analysis,
 19 evaluation, assessment, appraisal, inquiry, inspection, or a study.

20 (2) “Review” does not mean the authority utilized by the General
 21 Assembly in its analysis of proposed rules or appropriations.

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