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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS  
9 INTERIM COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

11 TO CREATE THE STATE AND FEDERAL RELATIONS  
12 INTERIM COMMITTEE.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3, is amended to add an  
20 additional subchapter to read as follows:

21 Subchapter 27 – State and Federal Relations Interim Committee  
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23 10-3-2701. State and Federal Relations Interim Committee.

24 (a) There is created a legislative committee to be known as the "State  
25 and Federal Relations Interim Committee".

26 (b) The committee shall consist of twenty (20) members as follows:

27 (1) Seven (7) members of the Senate appointed by the President  
28 Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

29 (2) Thirteen (13) members of the House of Representatives  
30 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

31 (c) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
32 House of Representatives shall each designate one (1) of their respective  
33 appointees as a cochair of the committee.

34 (d) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position, the vacancy shall be  
35 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

36 (e)(1) The committee shall meet upon the call of either or both of the



1 cochairs of the committee.

2 (2) Eleven (11) members of the committee shall constitute a  
3 quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

4 (3) A quorum is required for any action of the committee.

5 (f) Members of the committee shall be paid per diem and mileage in the  
6 manner authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of  
7 the General Assembly.

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9 10-3-2702. Powers and duties.

10 (a) As used in this section, "state agency" means every department,  
11 division, office, board, commission, and institution of this state, including  
12 state-supported institutions of higher education.

13 (b)(1) If the passage or implementation of a federal law or regulation  
14 results in a fiscal impact for a state agency exceeding one hundred thousand  
15 dollars (\$100,000), the state agency shall report the federal law or  
16 regulation to the State and Federal Relations Interim Committee within ten  
17 (10) days of the passage or implementation of the federal law or regulation.

18 (2) The committee shall:

19 (A) Review federal laws and regulations reported to it  
20 under subdivision (b)(1) of this section;

21 (B) File a letter of grievance with the governmental body  
22 or federal agency issuing the federal law or regulation; and

23 (C) Issue a recommendation to the Legislative Council or  
24 the General Assembly that a resolution of grievance be adopted and delivered  
25 to the governmental body or federal agency issuing the federal law or  
26 regulation.

27 (c)(1) A state agency receiving federal funds shall issue a report to  
28 the committee no later than November 1 of each even-numbered year concerning:

29 (A) The uses of the federal funds by the state agency; and

30 (B) Stipulations that are associated with the federal  
31 funds received by the state agency.

32 (2)(A) The report shall include a contingency plan for the state  
33 agency should the federal funds decrease by ten percent (10%).

34 (B) Upon request of the committee, a state agency shall  
35 include in its report additional contingencies should federal funds decrease  
36 in amounts specified by the committee.

1           (d) The committee may request that a state agency appear before the  
2 committee to discuss federal funds received by the state agency.

3           (e) The committee shall communicate with similar committees  
4 established by the legislatures of other states regarding:

5                   (1) Federal mandates imposed upon states;

6                   (2) Federal funds received by state agencies; and

7                   (3) The duties of the committee as compared to the duties of  
8 similar legislative committees of other states.

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