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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2240

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERSONS  
11 EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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16 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING PERSONS  
17 EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 2, Subchapter 3, is amended*  
23 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*  
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25 *10-2-309. State Employee – Sworn testimony required – Oath.*

26 *(a)(1) As used in this section, "state employee" means a public*  
27 *servant or other person who performs full time or part time service for*  
28 *wages, salary, or other remuneration paid by the state.*

29 *(2) "State employee" does not include an elected official.*

30 *(b) A state employee who testifies under subpoena or voluntarily*  
31 *before a committee of the General Assembly shall swear or affirm an oath to*  
32 *tell the truth before testifying.*

33 *(c) The state employee shall:*

34 *(1) Raise his or her right hand; and*

35 *(2) Answer the question, "Do you swear or affirm that the*  
36 *testimony you are about to give before the General Assembly or committee or*



1 subcommittee of the General Assembly is the truth, the whole truth, and  
2 nothing but the truth?".

3 (d)(1) If a state employee will testify on more than one (1) occasion  
4 or before more than one (1) committee during a legislative session, the  
5 person may swear or affirm the oath one (1) time for the term of the  
6 legislative session.

7 (2) A state employee who has previously sworn or affirmed the  
8 oath under this section during the term of the legislative session shall  
9 advise the chair of the committee before testimony that he or she is  
10 testifying under oath.

11 (e) A state employee is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if he or she  
12 knowingly gives false testimony to a committee of the General Assembly after  
13 affirming the oath under this section.

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16 /s/Dotson  
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