

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Bradford**

A Bill

ACT 729 OF 1993
SENATE BILL 431

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 20-48-101 TO
9 CHANGE THE AGE REQUIREMENT FROM EIGHTEEN (18) TO TWENTY-
10 TWO (22) IN THE DEFINITION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 20-48-101 TO CHANGE THE AGE
14 REQUIREMENT FROM 18 TO 22 IN THE DEFINITION OF
15 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY."
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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 § 20-48-101 is hereby amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "20-48-101. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context
24 otherwise requires:

25 (1) Developmental disability means a disability of a person which:

26 (A) (i) Is attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy,
27 epilepsy, or autism;

28 (ii) Is attributable to any other condition of a person
29 found to be closely related to mental retardation because it results in an
30 impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to
31 those of mentally retarded persons or requires treatment and services similar
32 to those required for such persons; or

33 (iii) Is attributable to dyslexia resulting from a
34 disability described in subdivision (1)(A) of this section; and

35 (B) Originates before the person attains the age of twenty-two
36 (22) years; and

1 (C) Has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely;
2 and

3 (D) Constitutes a substantial handicap to the person's ability to
4 function without appropriate support services including, but not limited to,
5 planned recreational activities, medical services such as physical therapy and
6 speech therapy, and possibilities for sheltered employment or job training;

7 (2) Developmentally disabled person means a person with a
8 developmental disability;

9 (3) Human development center means an institution maintained for the
10 care and training of persons with developmental disabilities."

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12 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
13 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
14 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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16 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
17 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
18 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
19 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
20 act are declared to be severable.

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22 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
23 hereby repealed.

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APPROVED: 3/26/93

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