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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1682

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COLOCATION FOR OUTPATIENT
9 BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AUTHORIZE COLOCATION FOR OUTPATIENT
14 BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AGENCIES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 46, Subchapter 1, is
21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 20-46-107. Colocation for outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies -
23 Legislative findings.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) Sites for outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies have
26 been prohibited from being adjunct to or colocated with non-behavioral
27 healthcare services or facilities;

28 (2) Integrated care is best practice and should be the standard
29 set in this state; and

30 (3) It would be advantageous for a client's health if outpatient
31 behavioral health services were colocated with primary care services or
32 facilities.

33 (b) Outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies may be certified when
34 adjunct to or colocated with non-behavioral healthcare services or facilities
35 such as a school, a day care facility, a long-term care facility, or the
36 office or clinic of a physician or psychologist.

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