

ARKANSAS SENATE
90th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2015
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 943

TO REQUIRE THAT COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ARKANSAS HEALTH REFORM
LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE AND ITS PURPOSE BE PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE HEALTH
CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 943

Amend Senate Bill No. 943 as originally introduced:

Add Representative D. Ferguson as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete the Title in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF INSURANCE FOR HEALTH CARE IN ARKANSAS; TO
REQUIRE THAT CONTINUING HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION REGARDING THE HEALTH
CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM BE PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE HEALTH CARE
INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF INSURANCE FOR
HEALTH CARE IN ARKANSAS; AND TO REQUIRE
THAT HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION
REGARDING THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE
PROGRAM BE PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE
HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-79-160. Health insurance information regarding Health Care
Independence Program.

Upon notification to enrollees in the Health Care Independence Program
established by the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, § 20-77-2401 et
seq., that the Health Care Independence Program ends on December 31, 2015,
the Department of Human Services shall simultaneously provide to enrollees in



the Health Care Independence Program the following information in accordance with the Arkansas Health Reform Act of 2015, Acts 2015, No. 46:

(1) Upon program termination, recommend an alternative healthcare coverage model and legislative framework to ensure the continued availability of healthcare services for vulnerable populations covered by the Health Care Independence Program;

(2) Explore and recommend options to modernize Medicaid programs serving the indigent, aged, and disabled; and

(3) Identify the populations eligible for and participating in the Health Care Independence Program, including:

(A) Individuals newly eligible for health coverage under the Health Care Independence Program; and

(B) Individuals previously eligible for Medicaid before the effective date of the Health Care Independence Program, whether under a Medicaid waiver or some other eligibility criteria."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Elliott

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Secretary