

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator Howell**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §16-13-328 TO
9 ALLOW THE EMPLOYMENT OF INTAKE OFFICERS BY MENTAL HEALTH
10 JUDGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-13-328 is amended to read as follows:

15 "16-13-328. Intake officers.

16 (a) Each juvenile division shall be provided with not less than one (1)
17 intake officer to manage the intake needs of the court.

18 (b) Each intake officer shall be employed by the juvenile division of
19 chancery court and shall serve at the pleasure of the judge of the juvenile
20 division of chancery court.

21 (c) The intake officers shall be certified as juvenile intake officers
22 according to laws of this state and must maintain the certification during the
23 terms of employment.

24 (d) The salaries of the intake officers shall be paid by the county or
25 counties in which the intake officers work; except that, beginning August 1,
26 1990, the state shall pay a portion of the salary of a full-time intake
27 officer who is certified according to the laws of this state and whose salary
28 has been paid by the county or counties for a period of one (1) year. The
29 portion to be paid by the state shall be the lesser of either fifteen thousand
30 dollars (\$15,000) a year or one-half (1/2) the intake officer's average salary
31 as calculated over the last twelve (12) months.

32 (e) Each circuit-chancery judge whose primary responsibility is
33 conducting hearings for the involuntary admission or commitment of persons to
34 the Arkansas State Hospital or any other public or private hospital with a
35 fully trained psychiatrist on the active or consultant staff shall be provided

1 with not less than one (1) intake officer to manage the intake needs of the
2 court. The salaries of the intake officers shall be paid by the county or
3 counties in which the intake officers work, with the state paying a portion,
4 the lesser of either fifteen thousand (\$15,000) per year or one-half (1/2) of
5 each full-time intake officer's annual salary."

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

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11 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
15 act are declared to be severable.

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

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