

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

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE AN OFFICE OF MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH
9 WITHIN THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 HUMAN SERVICES; 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. There is created an Office of Minority Mental Health within
15 the Division of Mental Health of the Department of Human Services. The head
16 of the Office of Minority Mental Health shall be appointed by the Director of
17 the Department of Human Services.

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19 SECTION 2. The Office of Minority Mental Health shall develop programs
20 and policies concerning the following:

21 (1) providing culturally relevant mental health services to minority
22 mentally ill people;

23 (2) improving the availability and accessibility of mental health
24 services to minority long-term mentally ill;

25 (3) educating minority mentally ill about their illness;

26 (4) providing minority families with education on mental illness; and

27 (5) providing accessible educational training within the mental health
28 setting and the minority community.

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30 SECTION 3. (a) The Office of Minority Mental Health is the authorized
31 state agency to accept, receive, retain and administer any state or federal
32 funds relating to minority mental health.

33 (b) The Office of Minority Mental Health shall develop, comment on and
34 revise any designations of areas of minority mental health as underserved.

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1 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
9 act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
12 hereby repealed.

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