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4 **By: Senator Bradford**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL**

## 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

14 "TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 20-48-101 TO CHANGE THE AGE  
15 REQUIREMENT FROM 18 TO 22 IN THE DEFINITION OF  
16 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY."

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

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

1 (22) years; and

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

3 and

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

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

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

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

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

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24 hereby repealed.

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