

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Lewellen**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 249 OF 1991 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR
9 MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES AND NORPLANT IN
10 ACT 490 COUNTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO FUND MEDICAL AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES AND
14 NORPLANT IN ACT 490 COUNTIES."

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

18 SECTION 1. Section 7(a) of Act 249 of 1991 is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 "(a) Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for defraying the cost of
21 hospitalization and medical services of indigent Arkansas patients in out-of-
22 state hospitals; for nonemergency transportation for medical purposes,
23 provided however, that such transportation shall not exceed a two hundred mile
24 radius from the patient_s point of origin; and provided further that on July 1
25 of each year, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) shall be
26 transferred to the Arkansas Department of Health to be used exclusively for
27 limited laboratory, medical and out-patient hospital services in the counties
28 of Crittenden, Cross, Craighead, Greene, Lee, Mississippi, Phillips, Poinsett
29 and St. Francis."

31 SECTION 2. (a) The sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in
32 the indigent patient_s fund account (SGI) is hereby transferred to the
33 Arkansas Department of Health for use in the counties of Crittenden, Cross,
34 Craighead, Greene, Lee, Mississippi, Phillips, Poinsett and St. Francis; two
35 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be expended for Norplant and other

1 family planning services provided in county health units for indigent patients
2 not eligible for Medicaid; one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be
3 expended for community outreach services by community-based organizations to
4 provide education and training to improve pregnancy outcome, improve parenting
5 skills, prevent teen pregnancies, increase male responsibility and reduce
6 infant mortality; and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for public
7 health expenditures in Crittenden County only.

8 (b) Hereafter, when the indigent patient_s fund account (SGI) balance
9 exceeds the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) on June 30 of any
10 year, such amount in excess of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) shall
11 be transferred on July 1 of that year to the Arkansas Department of Health to
12 be expended for the same purposes as set forth in (a) above.

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

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18 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
21 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
22 act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
25 hereby repealed.

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27 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
28 Assembly that this act will provide assistance to help alleviate the current
29 medical crisis of the Arkansas citizens who live below the federal poverty
30 level and yet do not qualify for medicaid assistance. Therefore, an emergency
31 is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation
32 of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from
33 and after its passage and approval.

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