

1 **State of Arkansas**
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4 **By: Senators Chaffin and Harriman**

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7 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING PRESIDENT CLINTON TO SUSPEND ACTION OF THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) WHICH LIMITS
10 THE FREEDOM OF STATES TO PERMIT SPIRITUAL TREATMENT FOR
11 CHILDREN.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 THE FREEDOM OF STATES TO PERMIT SPIRITUAL TREATMENT FOR
16 CHILDREN.

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18 WHEREAS, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1974 (CAPTA)
19 permits states to provide that spiritual treatment for children in lieu of
20 medical treatment shall not in and of itself be considered child maltreatment;
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23 WHEREAS, most states, including Arkansas, have statutes providing that
24 spiritual treatment for children in lieu of medical treatment shall not in and
25 of itself be considered child maltreatment; and

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27 WHEREAS, until recently the Administration of Children and Families of
28 HHS has approved states_ provisions regarding spiritual treatment for
29 children, but recently has disapproved said provisions; and

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31 WHEREAS, CAPTA is due for reauthorization in 1994;

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34 NOW THEREFORE,

35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

1 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 That the Senate of the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly of the State of
4 Arkansas respectfully requests that President Clinton suspend the action of
5 the Administration for Children and Families which disapproved of states_
6 provisions regarding spiritual treatment for children until after
7 reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1994, at
8 which time reapproval of states_ prior provisions permitting spiritual
9 treatment for children be considered.

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