

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2530

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5 By: Representative Judy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN INTERIM STUDY OF
10 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN NOT
11 DEPENDENT ON VENTILATORS; TO STUDY IMPROVEMENTS
12 IN AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE CARE NURSES TO
13 FAMILIES IN NEED OF IN-HOME CARE; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO STUDY DISABLED CHILDREN AND
17 THEIR ACCESS TO PRIVATE DUTY NURSES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. (a) The House and Senate Interim Committees on Public
24 Health, Welfare, and Labor shall study the problems that Arkansas families
25 face in gaining and retaining eligibility for Medicaid assistance for
26 children who need continuous medical health care, but are not ventilator
27 dependent.

28 (b) The study shall include, but not be limited to:

29 (1) The Medicaid eligibility criteria for disabled children who
30 are not dependent on a ventilator;

31 (2) The need for increased numbers of and improved compensation
32 for private duty nurses;

33 (3) The creation of a Private Duty Eligibility Committee within
34 the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services of the Department of
35 Human Services to:

36 (A) Visit the homes of families with disabled children;



1 (B) Study the impact on families of coping with a disabled
2 child or children in the home;

3 (C) Develop alternative approaches to caring for disabled
4 children in the home; and

5 (D) Recommend changes in the eligibility and utilization
6 review criteria and processes concerning in-home care for disabled children.

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