

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 2830

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5 By: Representative Hathorn  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING  
10 INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION CRITERIA; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS  
15 CONCERNING INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION  
16 CRITERIA.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-47-202, concerning definitions, is  
22 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

23 (17) "Behavior history" means a person's statements or actions  
24 on specific occasions as established by the person's declarations,  
25 observations of others, or records.  
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-47-207(c), concerning involuntary  
28 admission criteria, is amended to read as follows:

29 (c) Involuntary Admission Criteria. A person shall be eligible for  
30 involuntary admission if he or she is in such a mental condition as a result  
31 of mental illness, disease, or disorder that he or she poses a clear and  
32 present danger to himself or herself or others:

33 (1) As used in this subsection, "a clear and present danger to  
34 himself or herself" is established by demonstrating that:

35 (A) The person has inflicted serious bodily injury on  
36 himself or herself has attempted suicide or serious self-injury and there is



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1 a reasonable probability that the conduct will be repeated if admission is  
2 not ordered;

3 (B) The person has threatened to inflict serious bodily  
4 injury on himself or herself and there is a reasonable probability that the  
5 conduct will occur if admission is not ordered; or

6 (C) The person's recent behavior or behavior history  
7 demonstrates that he or she so lacks the capacity to care for his or her own  
8 welfare that there is a reasonable probability of death, serious bodily  
9 injury, or serious physical or mental debilitation if admission is not  
10 ordered; and

11 (2) As used in this subsection, "a clear and present danger to  
12 others" is established by demonstrating that the person has inflicted,  
13 attempted to inflict, or threatened to inflict serious bodily harm on  
14 another, and there is a reasonable probability that the conduct will occur if  
15 admission is not ordered.

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