

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
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 861

5 By: Senator Malone
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
10 COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF TREATMENT FOR
11 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; TO CONSOLIDATE AND
12 IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE INSTITUTIONS FOR
13 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES; TO ABOLISH THE
14 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES BOARD; TO
15 CREATE THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT
16 BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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19 COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF
20 TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL
21 DISABILITIES; TO CONSOLIDATE AND IMPROVE
22 THE MANAGEMENT OF STATE INSTITUTIONS FOR
23 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Legislative findings and intent.

30 The General Assembly finds and determines that:

31 (a) The evolution of services available to developmentally disabled
32 persons renders obsolete the present segregated management and planning for
33 state operated institutions and other services.

34 (b) An improved continuum of services is needed to improve both
35 quality of care and access to care.

36 (c) It is in the best interest of the citizens of this state to:



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1 (1) Consolidate the various Department of Human Services long-
2 term care institutions;

3 (2) Create a single policy and planning board to review and make
4 recommendations to the executive and legislative branches of government, and
5 to the public and private providers of services to persons with developmental
6 delays regarding the planning, designing, modifying, using, and prioritizing
7 of such services regardless of the setting in which the services are
8 delivered.

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