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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1456

By: Representative Shelby

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF VULNERABLE
ARKANSANS; TO CREATE A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES BY CHARITABLE CLINICS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF
VULNERABLE ARKANSANS AND TO CREATE A
GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF
SERVICES BY CHARITABLE CLINICS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7 is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

20-7-601. Intent.

This subchapter is intended to:

(1) Provide a charitable clinic delivery site within a reasonable driving distance of all two hundred forty-seven thousand (247,000) eligible patients in Arkansas;

(2) Increase the number of patients seen by fifty percent (50%) and open five (5) new charitable clinics;

(3) Increase prescription and medical supplies delivered to patients in charitable clinics by fifty percent (50%);

(4) Increase the number of services offered in fifty percent (50%) of the existing charitable clinics;

(5) Increase medical education classes in charitable clinics by



1 fifty percent (50%).

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3 20-7-602. Definition.

4 As used in this subchapter, "charitable clinic" means a charitable
5 nonprofit corporation or a facility organized as a not-for-profit corporation
6 under §§ 4-28-201 – 4-28-206 and 4-28-209 – 4-28-224 that:

7 (A) Holds a valid exemption from federal income taxation
8 issued under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code;

9 (B) Is listed as an exempt organization under section
10 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

11 (C) Provides advice, counseling, diagnosis, treatment,
12 surgery, care, or services relating to the preservation or maintenance of
13 health on an outpatient basis for a period of less than twenty-four (24)
14 consecutive hours to persons not residing or confined at the facility;

15 (D) May charge an administrative fee or request a donation
16 not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per visit; and

17 (E) Has a licensed outpatient pharmacy.

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19 20-7-603. Tobacco funds initiative for charitable clinics.

20 (a)(1) If funds are available, the Department of Health shall create a
21 grant program for the distribution of tobacco tax funds to charitable
22 clinics.

23 (2) Moneys distributed under subdivision (a)(1) of this section
24 shall be paid to the Tobacco Funds Initiative Grants Administrator.

25 (b)(1) The Arkansas Association of Charitable Clinics shall act as the
26 Tobacco Funds Initiative Grants Administrator.

27 (2) The association shall:

28 (A)(i) Submit a proposal to the department outlining a
29 grant program for charitable clinics that shall include without limitation
30 the requirements under subsection (c) of this section.

31 (ii) Moneys may be distributed under this subchapter
32 only after the department approves a proposal by the association;

33 (B) Monitor and evaluate the progress of the charitable
34 clinics in implementing the requirements under subsection (c) of this
35 section; and

36 (C) Report quarterly to the Governor, the department, and

1 the cochairs of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and
2 the cochairs of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and, Labor.

3 (c) A charitable clinic that receives funds under this subchapter
4 shall:

5 (1) Increase resources to provide more medical treatment to a
6 greater number of patients;

7 (2) Expand to full services;

8 (3) Fund core leadership at the clinic;

9 (4) Purchase computers, software, and support equipment
10 necessary to enable the creation and maintenance of:

11 (A) Electronic:

12 (i) Medical records;

13 (ii) Prescribing;

14 (iii) Patient tracking;

15 (iv) Pharmacy management;

16 (v) Patient assistance programs;

17 (vi) Chronic disease management; and

18 (B) Other electronic programs supportive of the intent of
19 this subchapter.

20 (d) A charitable clinic is not required to participate in the program
21 under this subchapter.