

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2023-067

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2 State of Arkansas  
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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 474

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6 By: Senator J. Bryant  
7 By: Representative Gonzales

8 Filed with: Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce  
9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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11 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION THAT MAY BE  
12 OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM  
13 EXTERNAL DATA PROVIDERS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE  
14 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM AND SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION  
15 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

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24 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-76-215, concerning program integrity in  
30 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is amended to add an  
31 additional subsection to read as follows:

32 (h) In order to improve the timeliness of benefit deliveries,  
33 operational efficiencies, and possible cost savings, the Department of Human  
34 Services shall directly obtain employment and income data assets from  
35 external data providers in real-time to help the Department of Human Services

1 make required eligibility determinations for the Supplemental Nutrition  
2 Assistance Program.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2104, concerning Medicaid eligibility  
5 verification, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

6 (g) To the extent allowable under state law and rules and federal law  
7 and regulations, in order to supplement data received from the Federal Data  
8 Services Hub of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Department  
9 of Human Services shall directly obtain real-time employment and income data  
10 assets, including additional information assets such as address confirmation,  
11 contact information, death, and incarceration pointer data, from external  
12 data providers, including third-party vendors of commercial systems, to  
13 maximize the cost benefit of the Federal Data Services Hub of the Center for  
14 Medicare & Medicaid Services and to help the Department of Human Services  
15 make required eligibility determinations for Medicaid as required by federal  
16 law.

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19 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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