

Act 943 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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SB513

By: Senator Malone

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 41, SUBCHAPTER 2 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO EXPAND SERVICES TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGED 3 TO 5; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Ark. Code 6-41-203(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(1) Prior to July 1, 1991, 'handicapped child' means a person between the ages of five (5) and twenty-one (21) years who because of mental, physical, emotional, or learning disabilities requires special education services as defined by State Board of Education regulations. After July 1, 1991, 'handicapped child' means a person between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21) who because of mental, physical, emotional or learning disabilities requires special education services as defined by State Board of Education regulations. Should federal law mandate services for the three (3) to five (5) age group prior to July 1, 1991, this section will follow federal times lines.

(A) This term is to be specifically interpreted to mean but not be wholly limited to the mentally retarded, hearing impaired, speech impaired, visually handicapped, emotionally disturbed, crippled, specific learning disabled, or other health impaired children who by reason thereof require special education and related services.

(B) Programs and services may be provided under this subchapter for children below school age who have serious handicapping conditions which, if untreated, could become greatly compounded by school age;"

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: March 24, 1989

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