

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Second Extraordinary Session, 1994**
4 **By: Senators Gordon and Hardin**

A Bill

Call Item 17
ACT 23 OF 1994
SENATE BILL 39

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ADEPT PROGRAM; TO DECLARE AND
9 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

12 "TO ESTABLISH THE ADEPT PROGRAM."

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

16 SECTION 1. As used in this act:

17 (1) "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

18 (2) "Director" means the director of the Department of Human Services;

19 (3) "ADEPT" means a program that provides assessment, diagnosis,
20 evaluation, placement, and treatment services to non-adjudicated and
21 adjudicated youth and their families using a multi-discipline approach and
22 working in coordination with existing juvenile treatment programs.

24 SECTION 2. The department shall award a contract for the establishment
25 of an ADEPT program. The ADEPT program shall:

26 (1) Provide services to adjudicated and non-adjudicated juveniles on a
27 non-residential and residential basis, the target population to be served by
28 this type of program shall be defined by the director;

29 (2) Establish three (3) initial service delivery sites;

30 (3) Place a priority on treating youth and their families on a non-
31 residential basis;

32 (4) Maintain a record of all referrals;

33 (5) Provide the results of assessment, diagnosis, evaluation, and
34 treatment and placement recommendations for all court referred youths to the
35 court that referred the youth to the ADEPT program;

36 (6) Train local providers to conduct initial assessments for youths and

1 their families in the program;

2 (7) Provide diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment and placement
3 recommendations by using a team of M.D./Ph.D. adolescent specialists, Masters
4 of Social Work and other treatment professionals;

5 (8) Maintain a case file on each youth receiving ADEPT services;

6 (9) Develop a case plan for each youth who enters the ADEPT treatment
7 system;

8 (10) Screen clients with a high risk of alcohol use for recent alcohol
9 use and research the use of alcohol and its relation to Attention Deficit
10 Disorders and other diseases that adversely affect the behavior patterns of
11 youths.

12 (11) Place a priority on using the least costly treatment methods and
13 seek funding support from sources including, but not limited to, Medicaid;

14 (12) Submit monthly reports to the director that include intake,
15 closure and follow-up data;

16 (13) Provide quarterly reports to the director and the Bureau of
17 Legislative Research; and

18 (14) Submit an annual report to the director and the Bureau of
19 Legislative Research summarizing the monthly reports and additional
20 information including, but not limited to, the types of problems identified,
21 treatment services provided and any identifiable service future needs.

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23 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
24 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
25 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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27 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
31 act are declared to be severable.

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33 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
34 hereby repealed.

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1 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
2 Seventy-Ninth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas meeting in the Second
3 Extraordinary Session of 1994 that there is a serious shortage of treatment
4 programs for non-adjudicated and adjudicated juveniles and their families;
5 that additional treatment programs are needed immediately in order to curb the
6 unprecedented growth of juvenile crime. Therefore, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation
8 of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from
9 and after its passage and approval.

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