

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Senator Bell**

A Bill

ACT 1162 OF 1995
SENATE BILL 496

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN THE
9 ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BY CONSOLIDATING
10 STATE INSTITUTIONS AND CONSOLIDATING THE INSTITUTIONAL
11 BOARDS, AND TO CREATE A NEW BOARD TO MANAGE THE DHS STATE
12 INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE STATE
16 INSTITUTIONS AND ABOLISH STATE
17 INSTITUTIONAL BOARDS, AND TO CREATE A
18 NEW DHS STATE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM
19 BOARD."

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

23 SECTION 1. The State institutions of the Department of Human Services,
24 known as the State Hospital for the mentally ill at Little Rock, the Long Term
25 Care Facility at Benton, the George W. Jackson Mental Health Center at
26 Jonesboro and the Youth Services Centers located at Alexander and North Little
27 Rock, are hereby consolidated to form the DHS State Institutional System.

29 SECTION 2. The State Hospital Board and the Arkansas Youth Services
30 Board are hereby abolished. The DHS State Institutional System Board is
31 hereby established to manage the DHS State Institutional System, as provided
32 and intended by the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 33. The DHS State
33 Institutional System Board shall perform its functions and duties in
34 accordance with the general guidelines, policies, and regulations of the
35 Department of Human Services governing divisions, offices, sections, or units
36 within the Department with respect to budgets, personnel and personnel

1 policies, records, purchasing, bookkeeping, and other administrative
2 procedures prescribed by the Director of the Department of Human Services.

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4 SECTION 3. All powers vested in the State Hospital Board and Arkansas
5 Youth Services Board are hereby transferred by type one transfer to the DHS
6 State Institutional System Board, and any reference to the State Hospital
7 Board or the Arkansas Youth Services Board contained in the Arkansas Code of
8 1987 Annotated, shall be deemed to refer to the DHS State Institutional System
9 Board.

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11 SECTION 4. The DHS State Institutional System Board shall consist of a
12 membership of seven. The individual members will be appointed by the
13 Governor.

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15 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
26 hereby repealed.

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28 /s/Bell

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30 APPROVED: 4-11-95

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