

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**

# **A Bill**

**ACT 1208 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1884**

4 **By: Representatives Jones, Pollan, and Mitchell**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE A UNIFIED SYSTEM OF *UTILIZATION REVIEW*  
9 AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS WHOSE BEHAVIOR HAS BEEN OR IS  
10 LIKELY TO BE VIOLENT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS  
11 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

14 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TRACKING AND  
15 TREATMENT OF PERSONS SUFFERING FROM  
16 MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Declaration of Public Necessity:  
21 The General Assembly finds that:

22 (a) *Persons* who suffer from mental illness and abuse various chemical  
23 substances contribute disproportionately to the problem of violence in our  
24 society.

25 (b) It is the purpose of this act to establish a *utilization review* and  
26 treatment *program to reduce violence among persons who suffer from mental*  
27 *illness and who abuse chemical* substances without a costly expansion of the  
28 Arkansas State Hospital.

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30 SECTION 2. Definition:

31 For purposes of this act, *\_client\_* means a person diagnosed to be  
32 addicted to drugs or alcohol who has been committed to the custody of the  
33 Director of the Department of Human Services pursuant to Ark. Code 5-2-314 as  
34 a result of acquittal, on the ground of mental disease or defect, of an  
35 offense involving bodily injury to another person, or serious risk of such  
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SECTION 3. The Arkansas Department of Human Services shall establish a system to:

- (a) review treatment utilization and track clients;
- (b) provide case management of clients;
- (c) provide one or more secure residential treatment facility or facilities designed to treat clients;
- (d) provide community crisis stabilization beds for clients; and
- (e) provide client assessment and admission to treatment programs as necessary.

SECTION 4. The Arkansas Department of Human Services is authorized to enter into contracts with any public or private non-profit entity for the purpose of implementing this act.

SECTION 5. 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 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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

*/s/Rep. Jones, et al*

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