

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999  
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# A Bill

Act 928 of 1999  
HOUSE BILL 1815

5 By: Representative Faris  
6 By: Senator Hopkins  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS INSTITUTION FOR  
11 ADVOCACY FOR THE DEAF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS  
15 INSTITUTION FOR ADVOCACY FOR THE DEAF."  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. (a) There is created the Arkansas Institution for Advocacy  
21 for the Deaf. The institution shall be an institution of learning to train  
22 individuals to become advocates for the deaf and to provide the information to  
23 the public concerning the needs and rights of deaf citizens.

24 (b) The institution may provide educational services through a  
25 cooperative venture with one (1) or more institutions of higher education.

26 (c) The educational program of the institution shall not duplicate any  
27 social, rehabilitative, or educational programs for the deaf that are in  
28 existence in the state on the effective date of this act.  
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30 SECTION 2. (a) There is created the Arkansas Board for the Institution  
31 for Advocacy for the Deaf.

32 (b)(1) The members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor as  
33 follows:

34 (A) Two (2) members shall be persons certified or degreed  
35 in the education of children who are deaf;

36 (B) One (1) member shall be a person who is legally deaf;

1 (C) One (1) member shall be the parent of a legally deaf  
2 child; and

3 (D) One (1) member shall be appointed from the general  
4 public.

5 (2) Appointments shall be made so that no more than two (2)  
6 members of the board shall reside in the same congressional district.

7 (3) The racial make-up of the board should reflect the racial  
8 population of the state as accurately as possible.

9 (c) The members of the board shall serve for terms of five (5) years.  
10 The initial appointees shall determine their terms by lot so that the term of  
11 one (1) member shall expire each year.

12 (d) The members of the board shall annually elect a chairperson.

13 (e) Meetings of the board shall be held during evening hours or on  
14 Saturdays. At least twenty (20) minutes shall be reserved at the end of each  
15 board meeting for members of the public to address the board.

16 (f) Each member of the board may receive expense reimbursement in  
17 accordance with 25-16-902.

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19 SECTION 3. Arkansas Board for the Institution for Advocacy for the Deaf  
20 may:

21 (1) Enter into cooperative ventures with one (1) or more institutions  
22 of higher education for the provision of facilities, equipment, and staff  
23 necessary for the institution; and

24 (2) Accept donations, gifts, and contributions in money, services,  
25 materials, or otherwise from any source and use or expend such moneys,  
26 services, materials, or other contributions in carrying on its operations, and  
27 accept appropriations from the state upon such terms and conditions as may be  
28 imposed by law to be used in the furtherance of this act.

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30 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
2 act are declared to be severable.

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4 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
5 hereby repealed.

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8 APPROVED: 3/29/1999  
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