

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 1527 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

As Engrossed: S3/24/05

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1259

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5 By: Representative Mahony
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO IMPROVE MEDICAID BILLING IN SCHOOL
10 DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 AN ACT TO IMPROVE MEDICAID BILLING IN
14 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1 is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 6-10-118. Medicaid billing.

22 (a)(1) By May 1 of each year, the Special Education Section of the
23 Department of Education shall determine which school districts are
24 underperforming in the area of direct-service Medicaid billing.

25 (2) Based on this determination, underperforming school
26 districts shall be directed by the section to associate with an education
27 service cooperative for the provision of direct-service Medicaid billing
28 services.

29 (b) The school district for which billing services are rendered shall
30 pay the education service cooperative providing the billing services an
31 amount necessary to compensate the cooperative for costs associated with
32 providing the services, subject to the review and approval of the section.

33 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict qualified
34 public or private providers from developing, maintaining, or expanding
35 service relationships with school districts.



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SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that some school districts are underperforming in the area of direct service Medicaid billing; that the revenue derived from payment for Medicaid services provided in the schools enables school districts to continue to provide such services in an effective and timely manner; and that this act is immediately necessary because any delay in the effective date of this act would work irreparable harm on the proper administration and provision of Medicaid services to Arkansas school children, thus endangering the learning opportunities for children in need of such services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/ Mahony

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