

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.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 2419

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

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES OVERSIGHT  
10 AND PLANNING COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

12 AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY SERVICES  
13 OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING COUNCIL.  
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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 20, Chapter 76 is amended add a new  
20 subchapter to read as follows:

21 20-76-501. Community Services Oversight and Planning Council --  
22 Created -- Duty.

23 (a) There is created the Community Services Oversight and Planning  
24 Council.

25 (b) The council shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Legislative  
26 Council and to the Joint Budget Committee.  
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28 20-76-502. Community Services Oversight and Planning Council --  
29 Membership.

30 (a) The Community Services Oversight and Planning Council shall be  
31 composed of the following eleven (11) members appointed by the Legislative  
32 Council as follows:

33 (1) Three (3) members of the Senate recommended by the President  
34 Pro-Tempore of the Senate;

35 (2) Three (3) members of the House of Representatives



1 recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

2 (3) Five (5) members to be appointed by the House of  
3 Representatives and Senate cochairs of the Legislative Council as follows:

4 (A) Two (2) providers of community-based developmental  
5 disability services licensed by the Division of Developmental Disability  
6 Services of the Department of Human Services appointed as follows:

7 (i) One (1) member to represent the Developmental  
8 Disabilities Provider Association from a list provided by the association;  
9 and

10 (ii) One (1) member to represent the Community  
11 Developmental Disabilities Provider Network from a list provided by the  
12 network;

13 (B) One (1) member who is a provider of community-based  
14 services for individuals with behavioral-health needs from a list provided by  
15 the Arkansas Mental Health Council of Arkansas;

16 (C) One (1) member who is a provider of community-based  
17 services for youth from a list provided by the Arkansas Youth Services  
18 Providers Association; and

19 (D) One (1) member who is a provider of community-based  
20 services to the aging from a list provided by the Arkansas Association of  
21 Area Agencies on Aging.

22 (b) The members of the Community Services Oversight and Planning  
23 Council shall serve two-year terms and may be reappointed.

24 (c)(1) The House of Representatives and Senate cochairs of the  
25 Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the Community Services  
26 Oversight and Planning Council within sixty (60) days of the effective date  
27 of this subchapter.

28 (2) The House of Representatives and Senate cochairs of the  
29 Legislative Council shall appoint a chair and vicechair from among the  
30 members of the Community Services Oversight and Planning Council.

31 (d) The Community Services Oversight and Planning Council shall:

32 (1) Set the date, place, and time of meetings as necessary to  
33 perform its duties; and

34 (2)(A) Provide information regarding scheduled meetings to the  
35 Bureau of Legislative Research.

36 (B) The bureau shall publish the information on the

1 bureau's website.

2 (e) The bureau shall provide coordination and staff support to the  
3 Community Services Oversight and Planning Council.

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5 20-76-503. Powers and duties.

6 (a)(1) The Community Services Oversight and Planning Council shall  
7 gather information and data regarding the community-based service needs of  
8 citizens with developmental disabilities, behavioral health service needs,  
9 aging services needs and youth services needs that are to be delivered by  
10 community-based programs operated by licensed providers through contractual  
11 relationships with the State of Arkansas.

12 (2) The Department of Human Services and service providers  
13 operating under contract with the State of Arkansas shall provide to the  
14 Community Services Oversight and Planning Council on request information  
15 regarding service needs and funding to meet the needs of individual through  
16 community-based options.

17 (3) This information and data shall be the basis for  
18 recommendations for community-based service budget appropriations, special  
19 language, and funding for the community-based programs.

20 (b) The Community Services Oversight and Planning Council shall report  
21 at least quarterly to the Legislative Council and the Joint Budget Committee.

22 (c) In deliberations concerning the department's proposed budget, the  
23 Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee shall take into  
24 consideration the recommendations of the Community Services Oversight and  
25 Planning Council.

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27 */s/ Mahony*

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30 *APPROVED: 4/05/2005*

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