

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 1005

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5 By: Representative J. Hutchinson
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BABY
10 SHARON'S CHILDREN'S CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS GRANT
11 PROGRAM TRUST FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF
15 THE BABY SHARON'S CHILDREN'S
16 CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS GRANT PROGRAM TRUST
17 FUND.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-35-1203(e), concerning Baby Sharon's
23 Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program Trust Fund, is repealed.

24 ~~(e) Arkansas Children's Hospital shall promulgate all rules and~~
25 ~~regulations necessary for implementing the grant program for the fund.~~
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 26-35-1204 is amended to read as follows:
28 26-35-1204. Implementation.

29 ~~(a) Arkansas Children's Hospital shall use funds from the Baby~~
30 ~~Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program Trust Fund to~~
31 ~~establish the Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program.~~

32 ~~(b) The hospital shall promulgate rules and regulations to create a~~
33 ~~grant program that assists families of children with catastrophic illnesses~~
34 ~~or injuries with medical expenses for which the families are liable.~~

35 ~~(c) The hospital shall consult with the Baby Sharon's Children's~~



1 ~~Catastrophic Illness Grant Program Advisory Committee concerning:~~
 2 ~~(1) Grant applications related to the program; and~~
 3 ~~(2) Rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of~~
 4 ~~Finance and Administration for the program.~~

5 (a) The Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program
 6 Committee shall be responsible for designating recipients of all funds
 7 established the by Baby Sharon's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program and the
 8 Department of Finance and Administration shall disperse the funds to the
 9 recipients.

10 (b) The Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program
 11 Committee shall annually provide to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
 12 documentation evidencing that funds have been used in accordance with the
 13 purposes of this subchapter.

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 15 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 26-35-1205 is amended to read as follows:

16 26-35-1205. ~~Advisory committee~~ Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic
 17 Illness Grant Program Committee.

18 (a) There is established an advisory committee to be known as the Baby
 19 Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program ~~Advisory~~ Committee.

20 (b) The committee shall consist of five (5) members as follows:

21 (1) One (1) person appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 22 Representatives;

23 (2) One (1) person appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
 24 Senate; and

25 (3) Three (3) persons appointed by the Governor.

26 (c) The committee members shall be:

27 (1) Individuals who have knowledge of children with catastrophic
 28 illnesses or injuries; and

29 (2) Residents of the State of Arkansas at the time of
 30 appointment and throughout their terms.

31 (d)(1) Except for initial appointments, the appointments to the
 32 committee shall be for a term of four (4) years.

33 (2) For initial appointments, the members shall draw lots to
 34 determine the length of their terms as follows:

35 (A) Two (2) members shall have terms of two (2) years;

36 (B) Two (2) members shall have terms of three (3) years;

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2 (C) One (1) member shall have a term of four (4) years.

3 (e) If a vacancy occurs during a term, the Governor shall appoint a
4 replacement for the unexpired term.

5 (f) The Governor shall designate the chair.

6 (g)(1) The committee shall meet at times and places as the chair deems
7 necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside the State of Arkansas.

8 (2) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute
9 a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

10 (3) All action of the committee shall be by a majority vote of
11 the full membership of the committee.

12 (h) The committee shall+

13 ~~(1) Consult~~ consult with the Arkansas Children's Hospital
14 concerning grant applications related to the Baby Sharon's Children's
15 Catastrophic Illness Grant Program; ~~and,~~

16 ~~(2) Consult with the hospital concerning rules and regulations~~
17 ~~that the hospital promulgates for the program.~~

18 ~~(i)(1) The hospital shall provide staff and office space to the~~
19 ~~committee.~~

20 ~~(2)(A)(1)~~ (1) Members of the committee shall serve without pay.

21 ~~(B)(2)~~ (2) Members of the committee shall not receive expense
22 reimbursement under § 25-16-902.

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24 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1123 is amended to read as follows:

25 19-5-1123. Arkansas Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program Trust
26 Fund.

27 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, Auditor
28 of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to be known as
29 the "Baby Sharon's Children's Catastrophic Illness Grant Program Trust Fund".

30 (b)(1) All moneys collected under § 26-35-1202 shall be
31 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the fund.

32 (2) The fund shall also consist of any other revenues as may be
33 authorized by law.

34 (c) The fund shall be used exclusively by the ~~Arkansas Children's~~
35 ~~Hospital to assist with the medical expenses incurred by the families of~~
36 ~~children with catastrophic illnesses or injuries by awarding grants to the~~

1 ~~families who are liable for the medical expenses~~ Baby Sharon's Children's
2 Catastrophic Illness Grant Program Committee for the Baby Sharon's Children's
3 Catastrophic Illness Grant Program.

4 (d) The Treasurer of State shall credit to the fund the amount
5 certified each quarter in accordance with § 26-35-1203.

6 (e)(1) The moneys credited to the fund shall be held as trust funds in
7 interest-bearing accounts only.

8 (2) All interest earned shall be credited to the fund and shall
9 be used only for the purposes of the fund.

10 (f) All moneys deposited into the fund, all interest earned on
11 deposits, and the fund balance in the fund may be disbursed as appropriated
12 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Baby Sharon's Children's
13 Catastrophic Illness Grant Program.

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15 /s/ J. Hutchinson
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