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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1120

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
9 SERVICES DIVISION OF VOLUNTEERISM TO THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND  
11 NONPROFIT SUPPORT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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15 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF VOLUNTEERISM  
17 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
18 DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND  
19 NONPROFIT SUPPORT.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-10-128 is amended to read as follows:

25 25-10-128. Division of ~~Volunteerism~~ Community Service and Nonprofit  
26 Support.

27 (a) There is created in the Department of Human Services a Division of  
28 ~~Volunteerism~~ Community Service and Nonprofit Support.

29 (b) Administrative assistance to coordinate the activities of the  
30 division shall be given by a Deputy Director for ~~Volunteerism~~ Community  
31 Service and Nonprofit Support who will devote full time to the duties of the  
32 office and assume the responsibility for carrying out the duties prescribed  
33 by this section. The deputy director shall employ any employees who are  
34 necessary to carry out the goals of the office, subject to appropriation by  
35 the General Assembly.

36 (c) The duties and responsibilities of the Division of ~~Volunteerism~~



1 Community Service and Nonprofit Support are ~~as follows~~ to:

2 (1) ~~To assess~~ Assess and recognize the needs of communities  
3 throughout Arkansas and to recruit, train, and coordinate volunteers and  
4 volunteer organizations in meeting those needs;

5 (2) ~~To assist~~ Assist in specific projects involving volunteers  
6 to meet community needs;

7 (3) ~~To provide~~ Provide greater public awareness and recognition  
8 of volunteer efforts; and

9 (4) ~~To assist~~ Assist in devising training programs for use by  
10 community organizations that ~~which~~ have programs to assist welfare recipients  
11 and to assist other divisions of the department in devising and administering  
12 programs to match those current and past welfare recipients with any  
13 community organizations ~~which~~ that desire to assist them.

14 (d) The program and staff of the Division of ~~Volunteerism~~ Community  
15 Service and Nonprofit Support will be assisted by an advisory council. It  
16 will be the responsibility of this council to assist the staff in setting  
17 goals, establishing priority activities, performing an advocacy role, and  
18 assisting in funding and resource development and publicity and recognition  
19 and awards programs. Council members shall be appointed by the Governor from  
20 existing state, local, and private agencies which operate volunteer programs  
21 and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

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23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-10-102(a), concerning the organization  
24 of the Department of Human Services, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a) The Department of Human Services shall consist of and be operated  
26 under an integrated service system consisting of the following divisions with  
27 responsibilities and programs assigned to them as determined by the Director  
28 of the Department of Human Services:

29 (1)(A) A Division of Aging and Adult Services.

30 (B) The Division of Aging and Adult Services may include  
31 the Office of Public Guardian for Adults;

32 (2) A Division of Medical Services;

33 (3) A Division of Behavioral Health Services, which shall  
34 include community mental health centers, state hospitals, and the Office of  
35 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention;

36 (4) A Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, which

1 shall include both community programs and human development centers;

2 (5) A Division of County Operations;

3 (6) A Division of Administrative Services;

4 (7) A Division of Youth Services, which shall include serious  
5 offender and community-based programs and the youth service centers;

6 (8) A Division of ~~Volunteerism~~ Community Service and Nonprofit  
7 Support;

8 (9) A Division of State Services for the Blind;

9 (10) A Division of Children and Family Services; and

10 (11) A Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education.

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12 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 21-13-105 is amended to read as follows:

13 21-13-105. Development of programs – Use of volunteers.

14 (a) Every department, through its executive head, ~~is authorized to~~ may  
15 develop volunteer programs and accept the services of volunteers, including  
16 regular-service volunteers, occasional-service volunteers, or material donors  
17 to assist in programs carried out or administered by that department.

18 (b) Each department ~~which~~ that utilizes the services of volunteers  
19 may:

20 (1) Enlist the services of the Division of ~~Volunteerism in~~  
21 Community Service and Nonprofit Support of the Department of Human Services  
22 to assist in the development of volunteer programs;

23 (2) Take actions as are necessary and appropriate to develop  
24 meaningful opportunities for volunteers involved in those programs and to  
25 improve public services;

26 (3) Develop written rules governing recruitment, training,  
27 screening, responsibility, utilization, and supervision of volunteers;

28 (4) Take action as is necessary to ensure that volunteer and  
29 paid staff of the department understand their respective duties and  
30 responsibilities, their relationship to each other, and their respective  
31 roles in fulfilling the objectives of their department;

32 (5) Take actions as are necessary and appropriate to assure a  
33 receptive climate to attract citizen volunteers; and

34 (6) Provide for the recognition of volunteers who have offered  
35 exceptional service to the state, its political subdivisions, or school  
36 districts.

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SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 19-5-306(6)(A), concerning the Department of Human Services Administration Fund Account, is amended to read as follows:

(6)(A) Department of Human Services Administration Fund Account. The Department of Human Services Administration Fund Account shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and improvement required by the office of the Director of the Department of Human Services in carrying out the administrative duties of the Department of Human Services as set out in and under the restrictions and provisions of § 20-46-301 and § 25-10-101 et seq., and of the Office of Finance and Administration of the Department of Human Services, and the Division of ~~Volunteerism~~ Community Service and Nonprofit Support of the Department of Human Services as set out in § 25-10-128.

**APPROVED: 02/16/2011**