Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 746 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/4/11 S3/17/11	
2	88th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2011		HOUSE BILL 1765
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5	By: Representative Wren		
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled		
8	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY OF THE MEDICAID		
9	PROGRAM TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THIRD PARTIES		
10	FOR CERTAIN MEDICAID COSTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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13		Subtitle	
14	AN A	ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PRIORITY OF THE	
15	MEDI	CAID PROGRAM TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT	
16	FROM	M THIRD PARTIES FOR CERTAIN MEDICAID	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA	NSAS:
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22	SECTION 1. Ark	ansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subc	hapter 3 is amended
23	to add an additional	section to read as follows:	
24	20-77-314. Dis	tribution of proceeds from a third-pa	rty settlement,
25	judgment, award, or f	rom other third-party payment.	
26	(a) The Depart	ment of Human Services is entitled to	reimbursement for
27	<i>past medical</i> assistan	ce payments from that portion of a th	<u>ird-party</u>
28	settlement, judgment,	award or from any other third-party	payment that
29	compensates for the m	edical expenses.	
30	(b) The depart	ment is entitled to receive the full	amount of its
31	medical assistance claim under this subchapter unless the portion of the		
32	third-party settlement, judgment, award, or other third-party payment that		
33	compensates for the medical expenses is less than the full amount of the		
34	department's medical	assistance claim.	
35	(c) The depart	ment's claim for medical assistance p	ayments under this
36	subchapter has priori	ty over any claim by a medical care p	rovider.

1	(d) The department's rights under this subchapter are not extinguished
2	by any right possessed, asserted, or not asserted by a medical assistance
3	recipient or other person.
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5	/s/Wren
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