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A Bill

SENATE BILL 27

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5 By: Senator T. Garner

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE
9 EMPLOYS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH
10 VETERANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO ENSURE THAT THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
15 HOTLINE EMPLOYS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
16 EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH VETERANS.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-45-303(a), concerning the Suicide
22 Prevention Hotline, is amended to read as follows:

23 (a)(1) The Department of Health shall establish and maintain, to the
24 extent that funding is available, the Suicide Prevention Hotline for the
25 purpose of helping to prevent suicide in the state.

26 (2) The department may contract with vendors to maintain the
27 Suicide Prevention Hotline.

28 (3) The department shall ensure that the Suicide Prevention
29 Hotline employs individuals who have experience working with veterans or are
30 veterans.

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33 APPROVED: 4/12/21

