

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.

Act 1489 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: S3/30/09

A Bill

SENATE BILL 984

5 By: Senator Elliott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 *AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND*
10 *COMMISSIONS THAT LICENSE OR OTHERWISE REGULATE*
11 *HEALTH PROFESSIONS TO PROCURE AND REPORT*
12 *DEMOGRAPHIC DATA REGARDING THE HEALTH CARE*
13 *WORKFORCE IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER*
14 *PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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17 *TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND*
18 *COMMISSIONS CONCERNING HEALTH*
19 *PROFESSIONS TO PROCURE AND REPORT*
20 *DEMOGRAPHIC DATA REGARDING THE HEALTH*
21 *CARE WORKFORCE.*

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 is amended*
27 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

28 *25-1-117. Demographic data report.*

29 *(a) A state agency, board, or commission that licenses or otherwise*
30 *regulates a health profession shall procure demographic data regarding the*
31 *health care workforce in this state, including without limitation:*

32 *(1) The Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine;*

33 *(2) The Arkansas Psychology Board;*

34 *(3) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board;*

35 *(4) The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners;*



(5) The Arkansas State Medical Board;

(6) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy;

(7) The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
Audiology; and

(8) The State Board of Optometry.

(b) Each state agency, board, or commission required to procure data
under this section shall procure accurate and efficient collection of data,
demographic, and other information by defining the following categories on
licensure applications, including without limitation:

(1) Age;

(2) City and county of residence;

(3) Educational institution of professional education and
training;

(4) Ethnicity;

(5) Gender;

(6) Place of birth; and

(7) Race.

(c) Each state agency, board, or commission required to procure data
under this section shall report the data on or before August 31 each year to:

(1) The Arkansas Center for Health Improvement;

(2) The Arkansas Minority Health Commission; and

(3) The Department of Health.

/s/ Elliott

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