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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 827

5 By: Senator Irvin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHY ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL  
9 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO CREATE THE HEALTHY ARKANSAS  
12 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. THE HEALTHY ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.*

20 *(a)(1) The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative*  
21 *Extension Service and the Department of Human Services shall implement*  
22 *collaboratively the Healthy Arkansas Educational Program described in this*  
23 *act.*

24 *(2) The purpose of the Healthy Arkansas Educational Program is*  
25 *to create opportunities for Medicaid beneficiaries to receive training and*  
26 *education in areas which may include without limitation:*

27 *(A) Nutrition, food safety and food preservation;*

28 *(B) Family and consumer economics;*

29 *(C) Marriage, parenting and family life; and*

30 *(D) Health, wellness and prevention.*

31 *(b) The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative*  
32 *Extension Service and the Department of Human Services, jointly and*  
33 *separately, shall seek and apply for grants opportunities, federal waivers,*  
34 *or other resources to:*

35 *(A) Fund and implement the Healthy Arkansas Educational*  
36 *Program; and*



1 (B) Provide incentives to Medicaid beneficiaries to  
2 participate.

3 (c) If sufficient grant funds and other resources are obtained, the  
4 University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service  
5 shall:

6 (1) Schedule and conduct classes and training sessions for  
7 Medicaid beneficiaries in topics that further the purpose of the program; and

8 (2) Develop classes, curriculum and training materials  
9 appropriate for the training or classes offered.

10 (d) If sufficient grant funds and other resources are obtained, the  
11 Department of Human Services shall:

12 (1) Develop protocols and policies to refer Medicaid  
13 beneficiaries for scheduled classes and training sessions offered by the  
14 University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service;

15 (2) Identify specific populations and geographic areas most  
16 likely to benefit from the classes and training sessions provided under this  
17 act; and

18 (3) Provide technical assistance to the University of Arkansas  
19 Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service by compiling supporting  
20 aggregate data and research for use in grant applications.

21 (e) Participation by a Medicaid beneficiary in a class or training  
22 session offered under this section is not a condition of eligibility for  
23 Medicaid.

24 (f) The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative  
25 Extension Service and the Department of Human Services shall implement the  
26 Healthy Arkansas Educational Program only to the extent that adequate funding  
27 is specifically made available.

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29 /s/ Irvin

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32 **APPROVED: 04/02/2015**