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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2531

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OVERSEE THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2531.

Amend House Bill No. 2531 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 10 AND 13 and substitute the following:

"ARKANSAS; TO REQUIRE IMPROVED COORDINATION AND EFFICIENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BY REQUIRING THAT THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OVERSEE AND APPROVE ALL RULES, PROGRAMS, AND PROCEDURES OF THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete everything after the ENACTING CLAUSE and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7 is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

20-7-501. Oversight of the Department of Human Services .

(a) The State Board Health shall oversee the Department of Human Services.

(b) The board shall:

(1) Review and approve all rules, programs, and procedures of the Department; and

(2) Assist the department in:

(A) Providing risk factor assessments in regard to improving quality of health issues;

(B) The creation of various health oriented outreach campaigns utilizing print, radio, and television public service announcements, advertisements, posters, and other materials;

(C) Targeting population segments at risk for various health issues;

(D) Providing reliable information on various health issues to policy makers;

(E) Distributing information through county health departments, schools, area agencies on aging, employer wellness programs, physicians, hospitals and health maintenance organizations, women's groups, nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations;



(F) Any other strategy for raising public awareness about health issues that are consistent with the duties of the department;

(G) Identifying and obtaining educational materials for the professional health care providers that translate the latest scientific and medical information on various health issues into clinical applications;

(H) Raising awareness among professional health care providers as to the importance of prevention, early detection, treatment, and rehabilitation practices, techniques, and reporting measures related to various health issues; and

(I) Developing and conducting workshops and seminars for in-depth professional development in the field of the care and management related to various health issues.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 25-10-101 is amended to read as follows:

25-10-101. Creation - Appointment of director.

(a) There is created a Department of Human Services.

(b)(1) The executive head of the department shall be the Director of the Department of Human Services.

(2) The director shall be appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(c) The director shall submit any changes in rules, programs, or procedures of the department to the State Board of Health as required under § 20-7-501."

The Amendment was read _____

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