

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 956**

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE OF 2015; AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 956**

Amend Senate Bill No. 956 as originally introduced:

Page 3, delete lines 27 and 28 and substitute the following:

"pharmaceutical and other insurance claims information, unique identifiers, and geographic and demographic information for covered individuals as permitted in this subchapter, and provider files, for the purposes of this subchapter;"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 5 through 8 and substitute the following:

"(5)(A) "Direct personal identifiers" means information relating to a covered individual that contains primary or obvious identifiers, such as the individual's name, street address, e-mail address, telephone number, and Social Security number.

(B) "Direct personal identifiers" does not include geographic or demographic information that would not allow the identification of a covered individual;"

AND

Page 4, line 16, delete "; and" and substitute ";"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 34 through 36 and substitute the following:

"(E) The Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission;"

AND

Page 5, delete line 15 and substitute the following:

"medical, dental, or pharmaceutical care to inmates; and

(10) "Unique identifier" means any identifier that is guaranteed to be unique among all identifiers for covered individuals but does not



include direct personal identifiers."

AND

Page 5, delete lines 22 and 23 and substitute the following:

"dental, and pharmaceutical and other insurance claims information, unique identifiers, and geographic and demographic information for covered individuals as permitted in this subchapter, and provider files, for the purposes of this"

AND

Page 6, delete line 4 and substitute the following:

"insurance industry, one (1) of whom shall be a multistate representative and one (1) of whom shall be a domestic representative;"

AND

Page 6, line 27, delete "; and" and substitute ";"

AND

Page 6, delete line 29 and substitute the following:

"subchapter; and  
(iii) Establish and convene additional subcommittees to carry out the purposes of this subchapter;"

AND

Page 6, delete line 33 and substitute the following:

"sustainability plan subject to data use and disclosure requirements of this subchapter and any rules promulgated under this subchapter;"

AND

Page 6, delete lines 34 and 35 and substitute the following:

"(C) With the assistance of the administrator of the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative, establish and convene the following subcommittees:

(i) The Data Oversight Subcommittee of the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative, which shall:

(a) Consist of:

(1) Three (3) Governor-appointed board

members; and

(2) One (1) individual healthcare

consumer; and

(b) Review and make recommendations to the

State Insurance Department regarding:

(1) Data requests for consistency with the intent and purpose of this subchapter, including whether the data request contains the minimum required information; and

(2) Reports and publications generated

from data requests to ensure compliance with this subchapter;

(ii) The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee of the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative, which shall:

(a) Consist of:

(1) The Governor-appointed member of the board from the academic research community; and

(2) Two (2) nonmembers of the board who are academic researchers; and

(b) Serve as peer review for academic researchers and provide advice regarding data requests for academic proposals and the scientific rigor of analytic work; and

(D) Adopt any rules necessary to implement this subchapter under the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq."

AND

Page 7, line 19, delete "enrollment and eligibility files for" and substitute "unique identifiers, and geographic and demographic information for covered individuals as permitted in this subchapter,"

AND

Page 7, line 20, delete "covered individuals,"

AND

Page 7, delete lines 28 and 29 and substitute the following:  
"under this section is subject to applicable state and federal data privacy and security law."

AND

Page 7, delete lines 30 and 31 and substitute the following:  
"(d) No later than July 1, 2015, a submitting entity shall submit health and dental claims data, unique identifiers, and geographic and demographic information for covered individuals as permitted in this subchapter to the Arkansas Healthcare"

AND

Page 8, line 17, delete "protected health information" and substitute "submitted data"

AND

Page 8, line 27, delete "A submitting" and substitute "Except for state or federal agencies that are submitting entities, a submitting"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

**By: Senator D. Sanders**  
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**Secretary**