

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 995

TO REQUIRE CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES TO COOPERATE WITH PROFESSIONAL ENTITIES; AND TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR PROFESSIONALS WITH SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS WHO CAN RENDER SPECIALIZED SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 995

Amend Senate Bill No. 995 as originally introduced:

Add Senators Bledsoe, L. Chesterfield, J. Hendren as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Representative M. Hodges as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

The purpose of this act is to identify administrative and legislative action that can be used to encourage professionals of necessity to reside and work in every Arkansas community, especially those that are underprivileged and underserved.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Definitions.

As used in this act:

(1) "Professional board" means a board, agency, committee, commission, department, office, or other authority of the Arkansas state government that is charged with the duty, power, or responsibility to license, register, certify, or otherwise permit the practice of professionals to work in a designated field; and

(2) "Professional of necessity" means a professional who:

(A) Renders specialized services;

(B) Has specialized knowledge or skill in a degreed field

of study; or

(C) Has derived specialized knowledge or skill from formal education or research.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Duties of the Department of Workforce Services.



(a) The Department of Workforce Services shall conduct meetings with or gather information from the various professional boards to achieve the following:

(1) Identify the communities of this state that are underserved by professionals of necessity;

(2) Assess the need for professionals of necessity to reside and work in underprivileged and underserved Arkansas communities;

(3) Explore strategies to encourage professionals of necessity to live and work in underprivileged and underserved Arkansas communities; and

(4) Recommend administrative and legislative action that may be taken to encourage professionals of necessity to live and work in underprivileged and underserved Arkansas communities.

(b) No later than November 15, 2016, the Department of Workforce Services shall report its findings under subsection (a) of this section to the:

(1) House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs;

(2) House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development and Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development;

(3) President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(4) Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) Upon request, a professional board shall cooperate and assist the Department of Workforce Services in furtherance of this act."

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

By: Senator Elliott

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