

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1558

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5 By: Representative Reep
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
10 RESEARCH SHALL AVOID ALL REFERENCES TO
11 INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SHALL AVOID ALL
17 REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL
18 RETARDATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 1-2-124, concerning respectful language for
24 persons with disabilities, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b)(1) In any bill or resolution, the Bureau of Legislative Research
26 shall avoid all references to:

- 27 (A) "Disabled";
- 28 (B) "Developmentally disabled";
- 29 (C) "Mentally disabled";
- 30 (D) "Mentally ill";
- 31 (E) "Mentally retarded";
- 32 (F) "Handicapped";
- 33 (G) "Cripple"; and
- 34 (H) "Crippled".

35 (2) The Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall change such
36 references in any existing statute or resolution as sections including these



1 references are republished or otherwise amended by law.

2 (3) The Bureau of Legislative Research and the Arkansas Code
3 Revision Commission shall replace the inappropriate terms in subdivision
4 (b)(1) of this section with the following terms:

- 5 (A) "Individuals with disabilities";
- 6 (B) "Individuals with developmental disabilities";
- 7 (C) "Individuals with mental illness";
- 8 ~~(D) "Individuals with mental retardation";~~ and
- 9 ~~(E)~~(D) "Individuals with intellectual disabilities".

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