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A Bill

SENATE BILL 943

5 By: Senator Elliott
6 By: Representative D. Ferguson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF INSURANCE FOR HEALTH
10 CARE IN ARKANSAS; TO REQUIRE THAT CONTINUING HEALTH
11 INSURANCE INFORMATION REGARDING THE HEALTH CARE
12 INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM BE PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE
13 HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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19 HEALTH CARE IN ARKANSAS; AND TO REQUIRE
20 THAT HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION
21 REGARDING THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE
22 PROGRAM BE PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE
23 HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is
29 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

30 23-79-160. Health insurance information regarding Health Care
31 Independence Program.

32 Upon notification to enrollees in the Health Care Independence Program
33 established by the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, § 20-77-2401 et
34 seq., that the Health Care Independence Program ends on December 31, 2016,
35 the Department of Human Services shall simultaneously provide to enrollees in
36 the Health Care Independence Program the following information in accordance



1 with the Arkansas Health Reform Act of 2015, Acts 2015, No. 46:

2 (1) Upon program termination, recommend an alternative
3 healthcare coverage model and legislative framework to ensure the continued
4 availability of healthcare services for vulnerable populations covered by the
5 Health Care Independence Program;

6 (2) Explore and recommend options to modernize Medicaid programs
7 serving the indigent, aged, and disabled; and

8 (3) Identify the populations eligible for and participating in
9 the Health Care Independence Program, including:

10 (A) Individuals newly eligible for health coverage under
11 the Health Care Independence Program; and

12 (B) Individuals previously eligible for Medicaid before the
13 effective date of the Health Care Independence Program, whether under a
14 Medicaid waiver or some other eligibility criteria.

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16 /s/Elliott
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