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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1642

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES IN PUBLIC
9 HOUSING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL FAMILIES IN PUBLIC
13 HOUSING.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 169, Subchapter 1, is
20 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 14-169-108. Child support cooperation – Definition.

22 (a) As used in this section, "child support cooperation requirement"
23 means cooperation as described in:

24 (1) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as authorized
25 under 7 C.F.R. § 273.11, as it existed on January 1, 2021; and

26 (2) 7 C.F.R. § 273.11(o) and 7 C.F.R. § 273.11(p), as they
27 existed on January 1, 2021, including without limitation the exemptions for
28 good cause.

29 (b)(1) A public housing-authority-wide shall operate, among eligible
30 households on a waiting list for benefits, a housing-authority-wide local
31 preference prioritizing the admission of a person who is compliant with the
32 child support cooperation requirement, whether or not the person receives
33 nutrition assistance benefits.

34 (2) A public housing authority shall determine the weight of the
35 housing-authority-wide local preference prioritizing the admission of a
36 person who is compliant with the child support cooperation requirement as



1 compared to another applicable local preference based on local needs.

2 (c) A public housing authority shall:

3 (1) Operate a housing-authority-wide child support cooperation
4 requirement; and

5 (2) Require compliance by a custodial parent or noncustodial
6 parent as a condition of eligibility for housing benefits and assistance.

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8 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Temporary language.

9 A public housing authority shall submit all required waiver
10 applications to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
11 by January 1, 2022, to obtain any necessary authority to implement this act
12 by January 1, 2023.