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A Bill

SENATE BILL 452

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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS FAMILY PLANNING ACT; TO
12 MODIFY THE LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION WITHIN THE
13 ARKANSAS FAMILY PLANNING ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 ACT; AND TO MODIFY THE LEGISLATIVE
18 DECLARATION WITHIN THE ARKANSAS FAMILY
19 PLANNING ACT.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-16-302 is amended to read as follows:
26 20-16-302. Legislative declaration.

27 It is the declaration of the General Assembly that:

28 ~~(1) Continuing population growth either causes or aggravates~~
29 ~~many social, economic, and environmental problems, both in this state and in~~
30 ~~the nation;~~

31 ~~(2) Contraceptive procedures, supplies, and information as to~~
32 ~~and procedures for voluntary sterilization are not sufficiently available as~~
33 ~~a practical matter to many persons in this state;~~

34 ~~(3)~~(1) It is desirable that inhibitions and restrictions be
35 eliminated so that all persons desiring and needing contraceptive procedures,
36 supplies, and information shall have ready and practicable access thereto



1 through legally recognized channels; and

2 ~~(4)~~(2) Section 20-16-304 sets forth the policy and authority of
3 this state, its political subdivisions, and all agencies and institutions
4 thereof, including prohibitions against restrictions, with respect to
5 contraceptive procedures, supplies, and information.

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