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Amendment No. _____ to HOUSE Bill No. 1728

Amend HOUSE Bill No. 1728 as originally introduced
by

inserting an additional section immediately following Section 99 to read as follows:

"SECTION 100. APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICES. (a) In the event that existing services now funded from state and/or federal funds are extended to unserved or underserved areas of the state, or in the event that new services are made available, to be funded from state and/or federal funds the existing non-profit community programs licensed by the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services shall be granted an opportunity to make application to expand their service base to unserved or underserved areas or shall be granted an opportunity to make application to offer new services in their existing service area. In areas in which the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services determines that state and/or federal funding for new or expanded services are to be available, it shall provide notice of its intent to provide the services to existing providers in the area and to the general public. Before licensing new service providers in an area, the Division shall determine in writing that existing service providers are not qualified or are unable or unwilling to extend services to unserved or underserved areas or provide new or expanded services. Nothing in this Act shall restrict the Division's discretion to award new or expanded services to the existing community based service providers making application for the same pursuant to this section. The intent of this section is to avoid unnecessary duplication of costs and services in the extension or expansion of services.

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(b) Non-profit community programs licensed by the Department of Developmental Services are quasi-governmental instrumentalities of the state which provide supports and services to individuals who have a developmental disability or delay who would otherwise require supports and services in facilities owned and operated by the State of Arkansas."

and

by appropriately renumbering the subsequent sections of the bill

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