

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 2535**

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
SYSTEM OF CARE PLAN."

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**Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 2535.**

Amend House Bill No. 2535 as engrossed, H3/17/05 (version: 03-17-2005 10:53):

Page 2, delete lines 3 through 16 and substitute:

“(4) "Child with emotional disturbance" means an individual who has been diagnosed with a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of a long-term nature under the age of eighteen (18), or under the age of twenty-one (21) if program services began ~~prior to~~ before the age of eighteen (18):

(A) ~~who~~ Who is exhibiting inappropriate emotional, interpersonal, or behavioral problems within the home, preschool program, school, or community given his or her age, intellectual level, and cultural background;

(B) ~~whose~~ Whose degree of dysfunction is at least disruptive and often disabling;

(C) ~~whose~~ Whose problems persist after efforts to deal with the problems have been made by significant others in the child's social environment,; ~~and~~

(D) ~~who~~ Who meets specific criteria established by the Child and Adolescent Service System Program Coordinating Council; and

(E) Who has multi-agency needs exhibited by one (1) or more of the following characteristics:

(i) The behavior occurs with a sufficient frequency to be considered a pattern of response or to be so intense that the consequences lead to a severe measure of control, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Seclusion;
- (b) Restraint;
- (c) Hospitalization; or
- (d) Chemical intervention;

(ii) The behaviors, although provoked, are judged to be extreme or inappropriate for the age, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Very aggressive; or
- (b) Self-withdrawn;

(iii) The behaviors are sufficiently disruptive as to lead to exclusion from school, home, therapeutic, or recreational



settings; or

(iv) The behaviors are sufficiently intense or severe to be considered seriously detrimental to the child's growth, development, or welfare or seriously detrimental to the safety or welfare of others."

AND

Page 4, line 1, delete "the service" and substitute "the CASSP service"

AND

Page 4, line 36, delete "two (2)" and substitute "~~two (2)~~ seven (7)"

AND

Page 5, delete line 32 and substitute:  
"approved regional plan.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-47-506(c), concerning Regional Child and Adolescent Service System Program Coordinating Council planning teams, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The regional program planning teams shall include agency representatives from the community mental health centers, the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, ~~and~~ the local school districts or educational cooperatives and any willing provider."

AND

Renumber the remaining sections of the bill

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Representative Roebuck

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Chief Clerk