

ARKANSAS SENATE
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 1121

"AN ACT TO ALLOW DISABLED PERSONS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE
OPERATIONS THAT AFFECT THEM."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 1121.

Amend Senate Bill No. 1121 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 13 and substitute the following:

"TO DISABLED PERSONS; REQUIRING USE OF RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE IN THE ARKANSAS
CODE REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"AN ACT TO ALLOW DISABLED PERSONS ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OPERATIONS
THAT AFFECT THEM; AND REQUIRING USE OF
RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE IN THE ARKANSAS CODE
REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES."

AND

Page 3, delete line 32 and substitute the following:

"and support funded or administered by the department.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter 1 is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

1-2-124. Respectful language – Disabilities.

(a)(1) The General Assembly recognizes that language used in reference
to individuals with disabilities shapes and reflects society's attitudes
towards people with disabilities. Many of the terms currently used diminish
the humanity and natural condition of having a disability. Certain terms are
demeaning and create an invisible barrier to inclusion as equal community
members.

(2) The General Assembly finds it necessary to clarify preferred
language for new and revised laws by requiring the use of terminology that
puts the person before the disability.

(b)(1) In any bill or resolution, the Bureau of Legislative Research
shall avoid all references to:



- (A) "Disabled";
- (B) "Developmentally disabled";
- (C) "Mentally disabled";
- (D) "Mentally ill";
- (E) "Mentally retarded";
- (F) "Handicapped";
- (G) "Cripple"; and
- (H) "Crippled".

(2) The Arkansas Code Revision Commission is directed to change such references in any existing statute or resolution as sections including these references are otherwise amended by law.

(3) The Bureau of Legislative Research and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission are directed to replace terms referenced in subdivision (b)(1) of this section as appropriate with the following revised terminology:

- (A) "Individuals with disabilities";
- (B) "Individuals with developmental disabilities";
- (C) "Individuals with mental illness"; and
- (D) "Individuals with mental retardation".

(c) No statute or resolution is invalid because it does not comply with this section."

AND

Page 3, line 34, delete "SECTION 2" and substitute "SECTION 3."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____
By: Senator Steele
JDF/CDS - 03-30-2005 11:00 _____
JDF431 Secretary