

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 985

"TO REQUIRE THAT EACH STATE BOARD AND COMMISSION THAT LICENSES OR OTHERWISE REGULATES A PROFESSION SHALL HAVE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION WHO REPRESENTS AN APPROPRIATE MINORITY PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 985.

Amend Senate Bill No. 985 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 13 of the title and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO PROVIDE APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ARKANSAS STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT LICENSE OR OTHERWISE REGULATE HEALTH PROFESSIONS TO ENSURE THAT STATE HEALTH-RELATED AGENCIES, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS ARE COMPOSED TO REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 16 through 21 of the subtitle and substitute the following:
"TO PROVIDE THAT EACH STATE HEALTH-RELATED AGENCY, BOARD, AND COMMISSION REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY OF THE STATE."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:
"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 1 is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

20-1-101. Purposes.

The purposes of this subchapter are to:

(1) Provide appointment recommendations for Arkansas state boards and commissions that license or otherwise regulate health-related professions to ensure board and commission compositions that reflect the diversity of the State of Arkansas; and

(2) Ensure that cultural competency, health disparities, and other minority health issues are adequately represented in the health policy decisions determined by state health-related agencies, boards and commissions for the State of Arkansas.



20-1-102. Minority members of state health-related agencies, boards, and commissions.

(a) The appointing authorities for state health-related agencies, boards, and commissions shall consider appointment recommendations submitted by minority health-related professional associations.

(b) The recommending organizations under this section include without limitation:

- (1) The Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association;
- (2) The Arkansas Metro Association of Black Social Workers;
- (3) The Arkansas Black Nurses Association;
- (4) The National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Arkansas

Chapter; and

- (5) The National Pharmacists Association of Arkansas.

(c) Recommendations for appointments under this section shall:

(1) Be submitted to the appointing authorities at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of a position in a state health-related agency, board, or commission relevant to the field or practice of the recommending body;

(2) Be submitted to the appointing authorities anytime before the appointing authority fills a position that has opened due to resignation or removal before the end of the originally appointed term;

(3) Be submitted by an officially designated officer or committee on behalf of the recommending organization; and

(4) Include correspondence on official organizational letterhead and the resume or curriculum vitae of a recommended candidate.

(d) The health-related agencies, boards, and commissions that recommendations may be considered for under this section include without limitation:

- (1) The Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine;
- (2) The Arkansas Psychology Board;
- (3) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board;
- (4) The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners;
- (5) The Arkansas State Medical Board;
- (6) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy;
- (7) The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and

Audiology; and

- (8) The State Board of Optometry.

(e) This section does not change or affect any existing delineations for minority appointments."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Elliott

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