

ARKANSAS SENATE  
88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 66**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
MORBID OBESITY.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 66**

Amend Senate Bill No. 66 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 21 through 23 and substitute the following:  
"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings."

AND

Page 2, delete line 3 and substitute the following:  
"SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Definitions."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 6 through 34 and substitute the following:  
"height in meters squared; and  
(2)(A) "Morbid obesity" means a weight that is at least two (2)"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 9 through 12 and substitute the following:  
"SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Pilot Program on coverage for morbid obesity  
diagnosis and treatment.  
(a)(1) A state and public school employees health benefit plan that is offered, issued, or  
renewed on or after January 1, 2012, shall offer coverage for the"

AND

Page 3, line 14, delete "required" and substitute "offered"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 15 through 18 and substitute the following:  
"(a)(1) of this section includes without limitation coverage for bariatric surgery including:



- (A) Gastric bypass surgery;
- (B) Adjustable gastric banding surgery;
- (C) Sleeve gastrectomy surgery, and
- (D) Duodenal switch biliopancreatic diversion."

AND

Page 3, delete line 19, and substitute the following:

"(b) A state and public school employees health benefit plan shall offer the benefits under"

AND

Page 3, line 23, delete "required" and substitute "offered"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 25 through 27 and substitute the following:

"under a state and public school employees health benefit plan.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. RULES."

AND

Page 3, line 31 add the following:

"SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall become null and void and cease to have any effect at midnight on December 31, 2017."

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

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