

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 1128**

TO CREATE A PALLIATIVE CARE COUNCIL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 1128**

Amend Senate Bill No. 1128 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 8, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

20-8-701. Arkansas Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council – Establishment – Membership.

(a) To improve the quality and delivery of patient-centered and family focused care in Arkansas, there is established the Arkansas Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council within the Department of Health.

(b) The members of the advisory council shall include:

(1) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her designee;

(2) The Director of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;

(3) The Director of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement or his or her designee; and

(4) The following additional members appointed by the Director of the Department of Health:

(A) At least one (1) board-certified hospice and palliative medicine physician;

(B) At least one (1) hospice and palliative care nurse;

(C) At least three (3) representatives of licensed hospices;

(D) At least one (1) member of the general public, representing patients and family caregivers; and

(E) Other representatives of health professionals with palliative care work experience or expertise in palliative care delivery models, or both, in a variety of inpatient, outpatient, and community settings and with a variety of populations, including pediatric, youth, and adult populations.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section:

(1) A member shall serve a term of three (3) years; and

(2) The term of a member may be renewed.



(d) A member shall serve at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority.

(e) A member shall not receive compensation for serving on the advisory council, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of the member's duties for the advisory council.

20-8-702. Duties of Arkansas Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council.

(a) The members of the Arkansas Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council shall elect a chair and vice chair whose duties shall be established by the advisory council.

(b)(1) The Director of the Department of Health shall fix a time and place for regular meetings of the advisory council.

(2) The advisory council shall meet at least two (2) times yearly.

(c) The advisory council shall consult with and advise the Department of Health on matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, and outcomes evaluation of palliative care initiatives in the state."

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

By: Senator Irvin

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