

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 952

TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THE
ARKANSAS AUTISM PARTNERSHIP.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 952

Amend Senate Bill No. 952 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 27 through 36 and substitute the following:

~~"(1)(A) "Intensive early intervention individualized therapy services" means intensive early intervention individualized therapy for a child with a pervasive developmental disorder, including without limitation:~~

- ~~(i) Behavioral therapies such as applied behavioral analysis and pivotal response training under the supervision of a behavior analyst who is board certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board;~~
- ~~(ii) Intensive speech therapy provided by a licensed speech therapist; and~~
- ~~(iii) Intensive occupational therapy provided by a licensed occupational therapist."~~

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 24 and substitute the following:

~~"(B) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(1)(C) of this section, "intensive early intervention individualized therapy services" does not include coverage for services to treat developmental disorders of language, early onset psychosis, dementia, obsessive compulsive disorder, schizoid personality disorder, avoidant personality disorder, or reactive attachment disorder.~~

~~(C) If a child with a pervasive developmental disorder is diagnosed to have one (1) or more of the conditions listed in subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section, intensive early intervention individualized therapy services includes coverage only for therapy necessary to treat the pervasive developmental disorder; and~~

~~(2) "Pervasive developmental disorders", commonly known as autism spectrum disorders, means a neurobiological condition characterized by severe deficits and pervasive impairment in multiple areas of development diagnosed by a team evaluation including at least a licensed physician, a licensed psychologist, and a licensed speech pathologist for an individual with a developmental disability as defined in § 20-48-101, including without~~



~~limitation;~~

- ~~(A) Asperger's disorder;~~
- ~~(B) Autism;~~
- ~~(C) Pervasive developmental disorder, not otherwise~~

~~specified;~~

- ~~(D) Rett's disorder; and~~
- ~~(E) Childhood disintegrative disorder~~

(1) "Autism spectrum disorder" means a neurobiological condition that causes significant communication, social, and behavioral challenges that is diagnosed by a team of professionals, including without limitation a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, and a licensed speech-language pathologist;

(2) "Evidence-based strategies" mean treatments that have been proven effective with children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder as established by the National Standards Report by the National Autism Center; and

(3) "Intensive early intervention treatment" means individualized treatment utilizing evidence-based strategies based on a detailed assessment of the child that occurs:

- (A) In the home of the child;
- (B) In the presence of the parent or legal guardian of the

child; and

(C) For a maximum period of twenty-five (25) hours per week."

AND

Page 2, line 27, delete "individualized therapy services" and substitute "individualized therapy services treatment"

AND

Page 2, line 27, delete "any child" and substitute "any eligible child"

AND

Page 2, line 28, delete "a pervasive developmental disorder." and substitute "a pervasive developmental disorder an autism spectrum disorder."

AND

Page 2, line 29, delete "three (3) years" and substitute "three (3) years eighteen (18) months"

AND

Page 2, line 30, delete "ten (10) years" and substitute "ten (10) years seven (7) years"

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

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