

ARKANSAS SENATE
90th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2015
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 96

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS HEALTH REFORM ACT OF 2015; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 96

Amend Senate Bill No. 96 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 12, delete "2016; and" and substitute "2016, which will have the effect of ending eligibility for Medicaid expansion populations in the absence of legislative action by the General Assembly; and"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 33 through 35 and substitute the following:

"(x)(a) Continued payment innovation, delivery system reform, and market driven improvement, including without limitation the Arkansas Health Care Payment Improvement Initiative, for which current federal grant support will expire on or before December 31, 2016.

(b) The task force shall review the Arkansas Health Care Payment Improvement Initiative and recommend continuation, suspension, termination, or other actions the task force deems appropriate to the Governor."

AND

Page 6, delete line 7 and substitute the following:

"influence by special interests.

(H) If the task force determines necessary, contract with the consultants to assist the task force with the study."

AND

Page 6, delete line 25 and substitute the following:

"(2) Under no circumstances may Medicaid eligibility be extended past December 31, 2016, for the current Medicaid expansion population under the Health Care Independence Program, commonly referred to as the "Private Option," without express legislative approval through a proper enactment of law by the General Assembly.

(3) The options pursued as part of this effort may include"

AND



Page 7, line 16, delete "this act" and substitute "Arkansas law"

AND

Page 8, line 4, delete "in effect on" and substitute "to go into effect on or after"

AND

Page 8, delete line 29 and substitute the following:

"eligibility categories that were in effect on or before December 31, 2013.

(d) The purpose of this section is to ensure that Medicaid eligibility does not continue past December 31, 2016, for the current Medicaid expansion population under the Health Care Independence Program, commonly referred to as the "Private Option," without express approval through a proper enactment of law by the General Assembly.

AND

Immediately before SECTION 6, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. Expiration of Health Care Independence Program.

Eligibility, enrollment and participation in Medicaid for the current Medicaid expansion population under the Health Care Independence Program authorized under § 20-77-2401 et seq. shall cease and terminate effective January 1, 2017, in the absence of legislative action by the General Assembly."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

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

By: Senator J. Hendren

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