

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 451

TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS; TO
AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE EDUCATION OF CERTAIN STUDENTS; AND TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 451

Amend Senate Bill 451 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 10, delete "HEALTH" and substitute "HUMAN SERVICES"

AND

Page 1, line 12, delete "CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS" and substitute "PROGRAMS"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
PROGRAMS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
EDUCATION OF CERTAIN STUDENTS; AND TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 1, line 30, delete "crisis response team" and substitute "programs"



AND

Page 1, delete lines 31 through 36

AND

Page 2, line 1, delete "(b) No later than July 1, 2025" and substitute "(a) No later than January 1, 2026"

AND

Page 2, line 2, delete "lead" and substitute "the Medicaid"

AND

Page 2, line 3, delete "crisis response teams" and substitute "programs"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 4 through 9, and substitute the following:
"districts and open-enrollment public charter schools with locating the appropriate services for a"

AND

Page 2, delete line 12, and substitute the following:
"(b) A behavioral health program shall:"

AND

Page 2, line 21, delete "(d)" and substitute "(c)"

AND

Page 2, line 23, delete "(1)(A)" and substitute "(1)"

AND

Page 2, line 23, delete "and placement"

AND

Page 2, line 24, delete "family." and substitute "family; and"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 25 through 32

AND

Page 3, delete lines 2 through 24, and substitute the following:

"(d) By January 1, 2026, the Department of Human Services shall:

(1) Develop behavior health programs to adequately meet the needs of Arkansas students; and

(2)(A) Collaborate with the Department of Education to identify regional alternative learning environments to repurpose the locations to be utilized for a behavior health program.

(B) If an alternative learning environment is not available in a region, the Department of Human Services and Department of Education shall identify a location within the region to be utilized for a behavior health program.

(e) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Education shall develop appropriate funding sources for students referred to a behavior health program under this section and who do not have the ability to pay for care.

(f) A behavior health program shall:

(1) Provide the necessary treatment for a student who"

AND

Page 3, line 27, delete "(4)" and substitute "(2)"

AND

Page 8, line 8, delete "Health" and substitute "Human Services"

AND

Page 8, delete lines 9 through 11, and substitute the following:

"Department of Education establish regional behavioral health programs in order to address immediate public school safety and security needs.

Therefore, an emergency is"

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

By: Senator Hester

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Secretary