



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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February 20, 2017

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB201, Division of Behavioral Health Services Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services:

Please add SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION – COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION and renumber the sections accordingly:

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There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services – Division of Behavioral Health Services, to be payable from the Behavioral Health Services Fund Account, for grants and operating expenses related to crisis intervention for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION	2017-2018 \$ 5,000,000

This request allows for the agency to use funds for crisis stabilization centers to remove the mentally ill from the criminal justice system for those who need therapy or medication.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

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