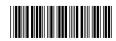
EXHIBIT E2

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 802 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/29/21	
2	93rd General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2021		HOUSE BILL 1689
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5	By: Representatives Vaught	, Gazaway, M. Gray	
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled		
8	AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE STUDY ON		
9	MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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12		Subtitle	
13	TO	CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE S	TUDY
14	ON 1	MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.	
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	ARKANSAS:
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19	SECTION 1. TEN	MPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY.	<u>Arkansas Legislative</u>
20	Study on Mental and H	<u> Behavioral Health — Creation — Du</u>	ties.
21	(a)(1) The Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and		
22	the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor shall meet to		
23	conduct the Arkansas Legislative Study on Mental Health.		
24	<u>(b)(1) The Cha</u>	air of the Senate Committee on Pu	<u>blic Health, Welfare,</u>
25	and Labor and the Cha	air of the House Committee on Pub	lic Health, Welfare, and
26	Labor shall call the	first meeting for the purpose of	beginning the study
27	<u>within sixty (60) day</u>	ys of the effective date of this .	<u>act.</u>
28	<u>(2) The</u>	Senate Committee on Public Healt	h, Welfare, and Labor
29	and the House Committ	tee on Public Health, Welfare, an	<u>d Labor shall meet at</u>
30	<u>least one (l) time ev</u>	very two (2) months in order to c	onduct the study but may
31	<u>meet more often at th</u>	he call of the <i>Chair of the Senat</i>	<u>e Committee on Public</u>
32	Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Chair of the House Committee on Public		
33	<u>Health, Welfare, and</u>	Labor.	
34	<u>(c) The purpos</u>	se of the study is to assess the	strengths and weaknesses
35	of the mental and beh	havioral health resources and car	<u>e currently available in</u>
36	the State of Arkansas	s and to recommend legislation to	the General Assembly



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1	regarding best practices and improvements within the area of mental and		
2	behavioral health care for consideration during the 2023 Regular Session.		
3	(d) In order to achieve the purpose of this section, the Senate		
4	Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the House Committee on		
5	Public Health, Welfare, and Labor shall study the following:		
6	(1) Access to and availability of mental and behavioral health		
7	care within this state;		
8	(2) Existing mental and behavioral healthcare facilities in this		
9	<u>state;</u>		
10	(3) Medicaid programs regarding mental and behavioral health and		
11	other public and private medical reimbursements for mental and behavioral		
12	healthcare providers and facilities within and without this state;		
13	(4) Best practices for provision of mental ad behavioral health		
14	services;		
15	(5) Mental and behavioral health programs in other states;		
16	(6) The utilization and financial condition of the crisis		
17	stabilization units and the Arkansas State Hospital;		
18	(7) Transportation of mental and behavioral health patients in		
19	Arkansas;		
20	(8) The rate of deaths by suicide of school-aged children in		
21	this state;		
22	(9) Mental health screenings and suicide prevention measures for		
23	children in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12); and		
24	(10) Other matters related to mental and behavioral health		
25	services.		
26	(e)(1) On or before December 1, 2022, the Senate Committee on Public		
27	Health, Welfare, and Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare,		
28	and Labor shall file with the Legislative Council a final written report of		
29	their activities, findings, and recommendations.		
30	(2) Upon filing, the Arkansas Legislative Study on Mental and		
31	<u>Behavioral Health shall be complete.</u>		
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33	/s/Vaught		
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35	APPROVED: 4/20/21		
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