

EXHIBIT G 3

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2013
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5 By: Senator <NA>
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7 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

8 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROMOTE
9 THE FIRST CONNECTIONS PROGRAM WITH THE ARKANSAS
10 HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL SOCIETY,
11 AND THE ARKANSAS OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION.
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14 Subtitle

15 TO URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
16 TO PROMOTE THE FIRST CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
17 WITH VARIOUS HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.
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20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
21 ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
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23 WHEREAS, the First Connections Program is Arkansas's early intervention
24 system, providing statewide services for some three thousand (3,000) infants
25 and toddlers from birth to thirty-six (36) months of age who are having
26 problems walking, talking, hearing, or seeing, or who have a medical
27 condition that could cause a delay in any of these areas; and
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29 WHEREAS, the First Connections Program is managed by the Division of
30 Developmental Disabilities Services of the Department of Human Services; and
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32 WHEREAS, the First Connections Program is designed to support families
33 with their children's development through assisting families in helping their
34 children develop and learn, assisting families in understanding their rights
35 in the First Connections Program, assisting families in communicating their
36 children's specific needs, and determining families' concerns, priorities,

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1 and resources regarding their children's special needs; and

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3 WHEREAS, First Connections Program services are provided in a child's
4 natural environment, such as at his or her home or at his or her child care
5 facility; and

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7 WHEREAS, First Connections Program services use the family-centered
8 approach with the provider not only working with a child, but also with the
9 child's family to help the family support and enhance the child's
10 development; and

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12 WHEREAS, the First Connections Program has been a success and continues
13 to be a success; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is imperative to make eligible children and their families
16 aware of the First Connections Program system; and

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18 WHEREAS, Arkansas hospitals and doctors continuously come into contact
19 with children and families who may be eligible for the First Connections
20 Program system; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services should make every effort to
23 ensure that Arkansas hospitals and doctors are knowledgeable about the First
24 Connections Program and that they are aware of the opportunity to direct
25 children and their families to the First Connections Program system,

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27 NOW THEREFORE,

28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE
29 OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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31 THAT the General Assembly urges the Department of Human Services to
32 promote the department's First Connections Program with the Arkansas Hospital
33 Association, the Arkansas Medical Society, and the Arkansas Optometric
34 Association.

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to

1 the Director of the Department of Human Services, the executive director of
2 the Arkansas Hospital Association, the executive director of the Arkansas
3 Medical Society, and the executive director of the Arkansas Optometric
4 Association.

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