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By: Senators Jewell and Chaffin

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY AIDS TESTING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT CHARGE BY THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES SHALL JOINTLY PROVIDE AIDS COUNSELLING AND PUBLIC SEMINARS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING AIDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The State Department of Health shall institute an AIDS testing program whereby any citizen may be tested for the AIDS virus without charge. The program shall be so devised as to maintain secrecy as to the identification of persons voluntarily participating in the program.

SECTION 2. The State Department of Education and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the State Department of Health shall jointly provide AIDS counselling, and shall also conduct public seminars designed to educate the public regarding AIDS.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

