

1 State of Arkansas
2 80th General Assembly
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4 By: Senator Bell

A Bill

SENATE BILL 496

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN THE
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BY CONSOLIDATING
STATE INSTITUTIONS AND CONSOLIDATING THE INSTITUTIONAL
BOARDS, AND TO CREATE A NEW BOARD TO MANAGE THE DHS STATE
INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE STATE
INSTITUTIONS AND ABOLISH STATE
INSTITUTIONAL BOARDS, AND TO CREATE A
NEW DHS STATE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM
BOARD."

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

SECTION 1. The State institutions of the Department of Human Services, known as the State Hospital for the mentally ill at Little Rock, the Long Term Care Facility at Benton, the George W. Jackson Mental Health Center at Jonesboro and the Youth Services Centers located at Alexander and North Little Rock, are hereby consolidated to form the DHS State Institutional System.

SECTION 2. The State Hospital Board and the Arkansas Youth Services Board are hereby abolished. The DHS State Institutional System Board is hereby established to manage the DHS State Institutional System, as provided and intended by the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 33. The DHS State Institutional System Board shall perform its functions and duties in accordance with the general guidelines, policies, and regulations of the

1 Department of Human Services governing divisions, offices, sections, or units
2 within the Department with respect to budgets, personnel and personnel
3 policies, records, purchasing, bookkeeping, and other administrative
4 procedures prescribed by the Director of the Department of Human Services.
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6 SECTION 3. All powers vested in the State Hospital Board and Arkansas
7 Youth Services Board are hereby transferred by type one transfer to the DHS
8 State Institutional System Board, and any reference to the State Hospital
9 Board or the Arkansas Youth Services Board contained in the Arkansas Code of
10 1987 Annotated, shall be deemed to refer to the DHS State Institutional
11 System Board.
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13 SECTION 4. The DHS State Institutional System Board shall consist of a
14 membership of seven. The individual members will be appointed by the
15 Governor.
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17 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
18 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
19 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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21 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
22 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
23 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
24 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
25 act are declared to be severable.
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27 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
28 hereby repealed.
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