

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2110

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5 By: Representative Young

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO
10 CONSOLIDATE OR DOWN-SIZE STATE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTERS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
15 SERVICES TO CONSOLIDATE OR DOWN-SIZE
16 STATE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTERS."

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

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20 SECTION 1. In order to better serve the needs of the residents of Human
21 Development Centers and to provide fiscal savings for the Medicaid program,
22 the Department of Human Services shall develop and implement a plan to
23 consolidate or down-size Human Development Centers operated at Alexander,
24 Arkadelphia, Booneville, Conway, Jonesboro, and Warren. The transition plan
25 shall take into consideration the following:

26 (1) the quality of life, safety and well-being of residents
27 during the transition period;

28 (2) apprehensions and fears of parents and family members
29 concerned for the security of residents;

30 (3) financial and service delivery concerns associated with the
31 temporary operation of a dual service system while the transition takes place;
32 and

33 (4) the effect of the transition on local job availability and
34 the local economy.

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36 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

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