

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

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2113

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5 By: Representative Flanagin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 19-10-204(b) TO  
10 CLARIFY JURISDICTION OF THE ARKANSAS CLAIMS COMMISSION AS  
11 IT RELATES TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

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15 "TO CLARIFY JURISDICTION OF THE ARKANSAS  
16 CLAIMS COMMISSION AS IT RELATES TO  
17 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE."  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-10-204(b) is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 "(b) The commission shall have no jurisdiction of, or authority with  
24 respect to, claims arising under the Workers' Compensation Law, § 11-9-101 et  
25 seq., the Employment Security Law, § 11-10-101 et seq., the Arkansas Teacher  
26 Retirement System Act, § 24-7-201 et seq., the Arkansas Public Employees'  
27 Retirement System Act, § 24-4-101 et seq., the State Police Retirement System  
28 Act, § 24-6-201 et seq., or under ~~laws providing for old age assistance~~  
29 ~~grants, child welfare grants, blind pensions, or any public assistance,~~  
30 Medicaid, Title IV-B, IV-E Social Security Act, food stamps, TEA, or any  
31 successor program or laws of a similar nature."  
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33 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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1 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
 2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
 3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
 4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
 5 act are declared to be severable.

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

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10 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined by the General  
 11 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the United States Congress has amended  
 12 the laws pertaining to certain federally funded public assistance programs;  
 13 that these federal laws require administrative appeals processes that are  
 14 inconsistent with state statutory law; that federal law mandates participating  
 15 states to conform to federal mandates on or before July 1, 1997, or forfeit  
 16 federal funding necessary for such programs; that this act eliminates one  
 17 obstacle to continuous federal funding for public assistance programs.  
 18 Therefore an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately  
 19 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall  
 20 become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is  
 21 neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the  
 22 expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill.  
 23 If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall  
 24 become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto.

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