

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

SENATE BILL 454

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5 By: Senator Todd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS CONVERTED FROM
10 STATE AGENCY STATUS TO PRIVATE STATUS ON OR AFTER JANUARY
11 1, 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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14 "AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS
15 CONVERTED FROM STATE AGENCY STATUS TO
16 PRIVATE STATUS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1,
17 1997."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a) If a mental health center of a state agency is
22 converted to a privately owned and operated mental health center on or after
23 January 1, 1997, the privately owned and operated mental health center may
24 enter into an agreement with the state to maintain fringe benefit eligibility
25 of state employees who were employed in the mental health center immediately
26 prior to the center's conversion to a privately owned and operated mental
27 health center.

28 (b) An agreement authorized by this section shall comply with
29 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration.
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31 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
32 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
33 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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35 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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6 hereby repealed.

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8 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined that mental health
9 centers of state agencies may be converted to privately owned and operated
10 mental health centers; that experienced state employees at the centers should
11 be encouraged to continue to work at the centers in order to provide
12 continuity of service; that this act allows the private agency to enter into
13 an agreement with the state to maintain fringe benefit eligibility for such
14 employees; and that this act is immediately necessary to provide continuity of
15 service at such mental health centers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
16 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
17 public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its
18 approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the
19 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time
20 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the
21 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the
22 last house overrides the veto.

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/s/Todd

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