

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 215

5 By: Senator B. Lewellen  
6 By: Representatives Willis, King, Eason  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE UAMS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND  
11 AGREEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GERONTOLOGY -  
12 GERIATRIC MEDICINE CENTER IN PHILLIPS COUNTY; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES. "

### Subtitle

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16 CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS FOR THE  
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18 GERIATRIC MEDICINE CENTER IN PHILLIPS  
19 COUNTY. "

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

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25 SECTION 1. It is found and determined that:

26 (1) Gerontology and geriatric medicine have emerged as major  
27 fields, as the steady increase in the average life span increases the numbers  
28 of older people in the population;

29 (2) Arkansas has a significant number of elderly citizens and  
30 that the state attracts many retired people; and

31 (3) There is a growing need in this state for doctors trained to  
32 treat geriatric diseases.

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34 SECTION 2. (a) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may  
35 enter into a contract with Phillips County for the lease of all or a portion  
36 of the hospital owned by the county for the establishment of a center for

1 gerontology research and education, and geriatric medicine research and  
2 treatment. The center will be part of the University of Arkansas for Medical  
3 Sciences. The center will include gerontology research and education, the  
4 treatment and research of geriatric diseases and physiology, the establishment  
5 of a physician residency program, and the training of nurses and medical  
6 students.

7 (b) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences may enter into a  
8 cooperative agreement with Phillips County Community College for the training  
9 of students in the college's nursing program in the area of gerontology.

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11 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
12 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
13 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
19 act are declared to be severable.

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

23 */s/ B. Lewellen, et al*  
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