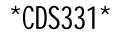
Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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2	83rd General Assembly		HOUSE DILI	0411
3	Regular Session, 2001		HOUSE BILL	2411
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN INDEPENDENT OMBUDSMAN TO			
10	ACT AS LIAISON BETWEEN NURSING HOME OWNERS AND			
11	RESIDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.			
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16	OMBUDSMAN TO ACT AS LIAISON BETWEEN			
17	NURSING HOME OWNERS AND RESIDENTS.			
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN	IERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKA	NSAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. Arkans	as Code 20-10-602 is amended to re	ad as follows:	
23	20-10-602. Ombuds	man program.		
24	<u>(a)</u> The Division	of Aging and Adult Services within	the Department	of
25	Human Services shall est	ablish and administer an ombudsmar	ı program in	
26	accordance with the fede	eral Older Americans Act, as amende	ed, and all	
27	applicable federal and s	tate laws, including the Arkansas	Admi nstrati ve	
28	<u>Admi ni strati ve</u> Procedure	e Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.		
29	· · · · · ·	rector of the Department of Human S		
30		<u>he division's ombudsman, an indepe</u>		
31		<u>The independent ombudsman shall be</u>		
32		or a private citizen who in the di		<u>n is</u>
33		mbudsman pursuant to this section.		
34		lependent ombudsman shall act as li		
35		operators and the residents and the		
36	<u>(3)</u> The ind	lependent ombudsman shall coordinat	<u>e with the</u>	



1	<u>division's ombudsman to ensure:</u>
2	(A) That the division's ombudsman and the independent
3	ombudsman visit each nursing home the same number of times each month; and
4	(B) That the division's ombudsman and the independent
5	ombudsman do regularly not visit any individual nursing home at the same
6	<u>time.</u>
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