

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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A Bill

SENATE BILL 844

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5 By: Senator K. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF HUMAN
14 SERVICES.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1 is amended
20 by adding additional sections to read as follows:

21 25-10-140. Board of Human Services -- Members.

22 (a) The State Board of Human Services shall consist of thirteen (13)
23 members to be appointed as follows:

24 (1) Nine (9) members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to
25 confirmation by the Senate;

26 (2) Two (2) members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
27 of the Senate; and

28 (3) Two (2) members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House
29 of Representatives.

30 (b)(1) The members shall be appointed for four-year staggered terms.

31 (2) The staggered terms shall be assigned by lot.

32 (3) The terms shall commence on January 1 of each year.

33 (c) In the event of a vacancy on the board, the vacancy shall be filled
34 for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment of the designated officer
35 in subdivision (a)(1)-(3) of this section.

36 (d) The board shall annually select by majority vote one (1) of its

1 members to serve as a chairperson and one (1) to serve as vice chairperson.

2 (e)(1) The board shall hold its first meeting in January of 2002 at a
3 place designated by the Governor.

4 (2) Subsequent meetings shall be held quarterly or at the call of
5 the chairperson.

6 (f) A majority of the board members shall constitute a quorum.

7 (g) Members of the board shall not be entitled to compensation for
8 their services but may receive expense reimbursement and a stipend in
9 accordance with Arkansas Code 25-16-902.

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11 25-10-141. Board's powers and duties.

12 (a) The Board of Human Services may promulgate all necessary and
13 reasonable rules and regulations necessary to ensure the effective
14 administration of the Department of Human Services.

15 (b) The board shall also:

16 (1) Coordinate resources for the department among the various
17 divisions within the department;

18 (2) Review and approve budgets submitted by the department prior
19 to submission for executive and legislative approval;

20 (3) Develop and approve policy and management decisions for the
21 department, evaluating their impact on the department as a whole;

22 (4) Assist in the development of impact statements and
23 recommendations on all existing and proposed legislation with regard to its
24 effect on human services as a whole;

25 (5) Establish programs of research, statistics, and planning,
26 including studies and evaluation of the performance of the various functions
27 and activities of the board;

28 (6) Appoint temporary or permanent advisory committees for
29 purposes as it may determine;

30 (7) Establish a code of ethics for all employees;

31 (8) Require and review annual audits of appropriate programs and
32 facilities associated with the board;

33 (9) Prescribe the duties of personnel of the departments and the
34 regulations governing the transfer of employees between divisions;

35 (10) Review, approve, make application for, and accept grants,
36 gifts, and funds from any entity on behalf of any entity encompassed within

1 the control of the board in carrying out and completing projects as may be
2 approved by the board;

3 (11) Delegate duties to board staff and departmental staff as
4 necessary and appropriate to fulfill its responsibilities to the state; and

5 (12) Perform all other necessary duties to ensure the effective
6 administration of the department.

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 25-10-101(b), regarding the Department of
9 Human Services, is amended to read as follows:

10 (b)(1) The executive head of the department shall be the Director of
11 the Department of Human Services.

12 (2)(A) The director shall be appointed by the Governor with the
13 consent of the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

14 (B) However, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the board of
15 Human Services may terminate the director.

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