

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

HOUSE BILL 1470

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5 By: Representatives Reep, Ragland
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH
10 DATA IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE CONFIDENTIALITY
14 OF HEALTH DATA IN ARKANSAS.
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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 § 20-7-305(b), concerning the discovery of
20 health data through the State Board of Health under the Arkansas Rules of
21 Civil Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

22 (b) Provided further, that data collected under this subchapter which
23 identifies, or could be used to identify, any individual patient, provider,
24 institution, or health plan shall not be subject to discovery pursuant to the
25 Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure or the Freedom of Information Act of 1967,
26 § 25-19-101 et seq. Further, the privilege shall not be waived if the board
27 provides data in its possession to the Arkansas Center for Health
28 Improvement, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, or
29 representatives of the agency's sponsored project, the Healthcare Cost and
30 Utilization Project, to be used only for the purposes of research and
31 aggregate statistical reporting.
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