

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

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND REPORTING ON EMOTIONALLY  
10 DISTURBED YOUTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND REPORTING ON EMOTIONALLY  
14 DISTURBED YOUTH.  
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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 § 20-46-105 is amended to read as follows:  
20 20-46-105. Report concerning emotionally disturbed youth.

21 (a) The Department of Human Services shall report ~~semiannually~~ monthly  
22 ~~to the Legislative Council and the House Interim Committee on Public Health,~~  
23 ~~Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Interim Committee on Public Health,~~  
24 ~~Welfare, and Labor~~ the House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and Youth,  
25 Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on Children  
26 and Youth or appropriate subcommittees thereof ~~the utilization of residential~~  
27 ~~treatment facilities in the Residential Treatment Program for Emotionally~~  
28 ~~Disturbed Youth,~~ on the number of children placed in residential and  
29 inpatient treatment programs, including sexual offender treatment, when  
30 Medicaid is the payment source. The monthly report shall include the  
31 following information:

32 (1) The total number of males and the total number of females  
33 placed into in-state residential and inpatient psychiatric programs,  
34 excluding sexual offender treatment programs, that were paid for by Medicaid  
35 during the previous month;

36 (2) The total number of males and total number of females placed



1 into out-of-state residential and inpatient psychiatric programs, excluding  
2 sexual offender treatment programs, that were paid for by Medicaid during the  
3 previous month;

4 (3) The total number of males and total number of females placed  
5 into in-state residential and inpatient sexual offender treatment programs  
6 that were paid for by Medicaid during the previous month;

7 (4) The total number of males and total number of females placed  
8 into out-of-state residential and inpatient sexual offender treatment  
9 programs that were paid for by Medicaid during the previous month;

10 (5) The total amount of money paid by Medicaid for the previous  
11 month for in-state residential and inpatient psychiatric programs with sexual  
12 offender treatment programs separately identified;

13 (6) The total amount of money paid by Medicaid for the previous  
14 month for out-of-state residential and inpatient psychiatric programs with  
15 sexual offender treatment programs separately identified;

16 (7) The total number of juveniles in residential and inpatient  
17 programs, including sexual offender treatment programs, that was paid for by  
18 Medicaid during the previous month;

19 (8) The total number of juveniles in residential and inpatient  
20 programs, including sexual offender treatment programs, that was paid for by  
21 Medicaid during the previous month who are within fifty (50) miles of an  
22 Arkansas border; and

23 (9) The total number of juveniles in residential and inpatient  
24 programs, including sexual offender treatment programs, that was paid for by  
25 Medicaid during the previous month who are more than fifty (50) miles from an  
26 Arkansas border.

27 ~~(b) This report shall include the number of youth treated, the~~  
28 ~~percentage of utilization of available facilities, and the number of beds~~  
29 ~~available but not used.~~

30 ~~(c) This information shall be provided both on a statewide basis and~~  
31 ~~on the basis of each treatment facility.~~

32 ~~(d)~~(b) The Legislative Council may request at any time that such  
33 additional information as it deems necessary be provided by the department.

34 ~~(e)~~(c) The deputy director of the appropriate division of the  
35 department as determined by the Director of the Department of Human Services  
36 shall certify by his or her signature that the information contained in these

1 reports is correct to the best of his or her knowledge.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-46-106 is hereby amended as follows:  
 4 20-46-106. Emotionally disturbed youth treated out of state.

5 (a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that treatment for  
 6 emotionally disturbed youth within the State of Arkansas will result in  
 7 higher quality care provided for less cost when compared with similar  
 8 services delivered out of state.

9 (2) Prior to making an out-of-state placement, the Department of  
 10 Human Services shall make and document the determinations established in  
 11 subsection (b) of this section. If an out-of-state placement is made without  
 12 documenting the determinations, payment for services shall not be authorized.

13 (3) The department shall provide a report monthly to the Senate  
 14 Interim Committee on Children and Youth and the House Interim Committee on  
 15 Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs reflecting the  
 16 number of youths in the custody of the department receiving services out of  
 17 state, ~~including plans for their return to Arkansas. The monthly reports~~  
 18 ~~shall also include the determinations made prior to each out-of-state~~  
 19 ~~placement pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, as follows:~~

20 (A) The total number of males and total number of females  
 21 currently in inpatient psychiatric programs, excluding sexual offender  
 22 treatment programs; and

23 (B) The total number of males and total number of females  
 24 currently in inpatient psychiatric programs, including sexual offender  
 25 treatment programs.

26 (b) Before an emotionally disturbed youth is placed in an out-of-state  
 27 treatment facility, the department shall make and document the following  
 28 determinations:

29 (1) Whether the emotionally disturbed youth has been  
 30 appropriately and accurately diagnosed;

31 (2) Whether an appropriate treatment facility exists within the  
 32 state;

33 (3) Whether there is an appropriate treatment facility in a  
 34 border state;

35 (4) Whether the facility being considered has the most  
 36 appropriate program;

1 (5) Whether the program requires payment of board, and if so,  
2 the amount;

3 (6) Whether the total cost for treatment in the out-of-state  
4 facility exceeds the cost for treatment in state;

5 (7) Where youth residing at the facility attend school, and  
6 whether the school is accredited;

7 (8) What type of professional staff is available at the  
8 facility;

9 (9) What mechanisms are in place to address problems that are  
10 not within the purview of the program;

11 (10) What other considerations exist in addition to the youth's  
12 emotional problems such as other medical conditions, travel expenses, wishes  
13 of the youth, best interests of the youth, effect of out-of-state placement  
14 on the youth, and proximity to the emotionally disturbed youth's family; and

15 (11) What alternatives exist to out-of-state placement, and the  
16 benefits and detriments of each alternative.

17 (c) The determinations made under subsection (b) of this section shall  
18 be included in the youth's case file and shall be reviewed and considered by  
19 the juvenile judge.

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