

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 2531

5 By: Representative Medley
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN
10 ARKANSAS; TO REQUIRE IMPROVED COORDINATION AND
11 EFFICIENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
12 AND THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BY REQUIRING THAT
13 THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OVERSEE AND APPROVE ALL
14 RULES, PROGRAMS, AND PROCEDURES OF THESE TWO
15 DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE BOARD
18 OF HEALTH OVERSEE THE DEPARTMENT OF
19 HUMAN SERVICES.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 7 is amended to add an
26 additional subchapter to read as follows:

27 20-7-501. Oversight of the Department of Human Services .

28 (a) The State Board Health shall oversee the Department of Human
29 Services.

30 (b) The board shall:

31 (1) Review and approve all rules, programs, and procedures of
32 the Department; and

33 (2) Assist the department in:

34 (A) Providing risk factor assessments in regard to
35 improving quality of health issues;

36 (B) The creation of various health oriented outreach



1 campaigns utilizing print, radio, and television public service
2 announcements, advertisements, posters, and other materials;

3 (C) Targeting population segments at risk for various
4 health issues;

5 (D) Providing reliable information on various health
6 issues to policy makers;

7 (E) Distributing information through county health
8 departments, schools, area agencies on aging, employer wellness programs,
9 physicians, hospitals and health maintenance organizations, women's groups,
10 nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations;

11 (F) Any other strategy for raising public awareness about
12 health issues that are consistent with the duties of the department;

13 (G) Identifying and obtaining educational materials for
14 the professional health care providers that translate the latest scientific
15 and medical information on various health issues into clinical applications;

16 (H) Raising awareness among professional health care
17 providers as to the importance of prevention, early detection, treatment, and
18 rehabilitation practices, techniques, and reporting measures related to
19 various health issues; and

20 (I) Developing and conducting workshops and seminars for
21 in-depth professional development in the field of the care and management
22 related to various health issues.

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24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 25-10-101 is amended to read as follows:

25 25-10-101. Creation - Appointment of director.

26 (a) There is created a Department of Human Services.

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

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

31 (c) The director shall submit any changes in rules, programs, or
32 procedures of the department to the State Board of Health as required under §
33 20-7-501.

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35 /s/ Medley
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