1	State of Arkansas	*As Engrossed: S4/1/05*
2	85th General Assembly	**A Bill**
3	Regular Session, 2005	SENATE BILL 972

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5 By: Senator J. Jeffress

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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 *AN ACT TO STUDY THE EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION*

10 *OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING THE CHILD*

11 *AND ADOLESCENT SERVICE SYSTEM; TO UPDATE PROGRAMS*

12 *FOR CHILDREN WITH EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES; AND FOR*

13 *OTHER PURPOSES.*

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15 **Subtitle**

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17 *DIVERSIFICATION OF MENTAL HEALTH*

18 *SERVICES, INCLUDING THE CHILD AND*

19 *ADOLESCENT SERVICE SYSTEM.*

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. (a) Due to the dramatic change in the make up of providers

25 of mental health services in the State of Arkansas over the last few years

26 coupled with a dramatic change in the Department of Human Services, a study

27 is proposed that will evaluate and compile a comprehensive overview of the

28 overall delivery of mental health services in the state.

29 (b) During the 2005-2007 interim, the House and Senate Interim

30 Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor shall examine:

31 (1) State agency organization and responsibilities regarding

32 mental health services;

33 (2) The financial impact upon Medicaid of the present growth

34 rates of eligibility and cost;

35 (3) Consumer concerns regarding quality care in mental health

36 services;

1   (4)   Provider make up, including, but not limited to, community

2   mental health centers, private providers, and alternative services;

3   (5)   All previous and current research program and task force

4   recommendations regarding mental health services; and

5   (6)   All present and current legislation impacting mental health

6   service delivery.

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8   /s/ J. Jeffress

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