

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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5 By: Senator G. Jeffress
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 93

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MANDATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
10 AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO MANDATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
15 AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS.

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 99, Subchapter 4 is amended
21 to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 23-99-417. Autism spectrum disorders.

23 (a) As used in this section, "autism spectrum disorder" means a
24 neurobiological condition, including without limitation:

25 (1) Asperger's disorder;

26 (2) Autism;

27 (3) Childhood disintegrative disorder;

28 (4) Pervasive developmental disorder; and

29 (5) Rett's disorder.

30 (b) Effective January 1, 2008, a health benefit plan shall provide
31 medical coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of an autism spectrum
32 disorder.

