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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY WHO CAN RECEIVE A GUARDIANSHIP
9 SUBSIDY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; WHEN A
10 GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY IS TERMINATED; WHEN THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MAY INTERVENE IN A
12 GUARDIANSHIP CASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT CONCERNING A GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY;
16 AND THE ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
17 SERVICES IN CERTAIN GUARDIANSHIP CASES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-8-205 is amended to read as follows:
24 9-8-205. Guardianship subsidy agreement.

25 (a) A written guardianship subsidy agreement must be entered before
26 the guardianship is established.

27 (b) The guardianship subsidy agreement shall become effective upon
28 entry of the order of granting guardianship.

29 ~~(c)(1) In the case of a child whose eligibility is based on a high~~
30 ~~risk for development of a serious physical, mental, developmental, or~~
31 ~~emotional condition, the guardianship subsidy agreement shall provide no~~
32 ~~guardianship subsidy until the child actually develops the condition.~~

33 ~~(2) No guardianship subsidy shall be made until adequate~~
34 ~~documentation is submitted by the guardian showing that the child has now~~
35 ~~developed the condition upon which eligibility was based.~~

36 ~~(3) Upon acceptance by the Department of Human Services that the~~



~~child has developed the condition upon which eligibility was based, the guardianship subsidy shall be retroactive to the date the guardian submitted adequate documentation that the child developed the condition.~~

~~(d)~~ No guardianship subsidy may be made for any child who has attained eighteen (18) years of age unless permitted by the funding stream.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 28-65-104, concerning guardianship for incapacitated persons, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) Persons under age twenty-one (21) who:

(A) Have reached eighteen (18) years of age;

(B) Have a current guardianship established based solely on the minority age of the person;

(C) Agree to allow the current guardianship to continue up to twenty-one (21) years of age; and

(D) Receive a guardianship subsidy paid for or approved by the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 28-65-107(c), concerning the jurisdiction of courts in guardianship cases, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) The Department of Human Services may intervene as a matter of right in a guardianship action at any time before the entry of a permanent guardianship order if:

(A) A guardianship action is initiated for a child or adult in the custody of the department, including a seventy-two-hour hold; and

(B) The custody of the child or adult is granted to a party seeking guardianship.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 28-65-401(a), concerning the termination of guardianship, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4) If the guardianship was solely because of the ward's minority, by the ward reaching the age of majority, unless the guardian receives a guardianship subsidy from the Department of Human Services, then the guardianship is terminated when the ward:

1 (A) Reaches twenty-one (21) years of age; or
2 (B) Who is eighteen (18) years of age or older requests
3 termination of the guardianship.
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