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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1364

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER CITIZENS TO  
10 PARTICIPATE IN THE OLDER WORKER COMMUNITY SERVICE  
11 EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER  
16 CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLDER  
17 WORKER COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT  
18 PROGRAM.  
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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 § 20-80-202(a), concerning the purpose of the  
24 Older Worker Community Service Employment Act, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a) In order to foster and promote useful part-time employment  
26 opportunities in community service activities for ~~low-income~~ persons who are  
27 fifty-five (55) years of age or older and who have poor employment prospects,  
28 the Older Worker Community Service Employment Program is created.  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-80-203 and § 20-80-204 are amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 20-80-203. Definitions.

33 As used in this subchapter, ~~unless the context otherwise requires:~~

34 (1) "Community service" means social, health, welfare,  
35 educational, recreational development, maintenance, or restoration of natural  
36 resources, community betterment or beautification, environmental protection,



1 and ~~such~~ other services ~~which~~ that are or might be essential and necessary to  
 2 the community;

3 (2) "Community-based agency" means a public or not-for-profit  
 4 organization whose primary purposes and experiences are in the development  
 5 and implementation of programs for the elderly;

6 ~~(3) "Department" means the Department of Human Services;~~

7 ~~(4) "Division" means the Division of Aging and Adult Services of  
 8 the Department of Human Services;~~

9 ~~(5)(3)(A) "Eligible individual or participant" means an  
 10 individual who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older and whose household  
 11 income does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the Supplemental  
 12 Security Income level, as established by the Social Security Administration.~~

13 (B) Furthermore, participants in the program funded under  
 14 this subchapter shall not be considered to be state employees as a result of  
 15 ~~such~~ the employment for any purpose; and

16 ~~(6)(4) "Program" means the Older Worker Community Service  
 17 Employment Program.~~

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 19 20-80-204. Administration of program.

20 ~~In order to carry out the provisions of~~ To implement this subchapter,  
 21 the Division of Aging and Adult Services of the Department of Human Services  
 22 is authorized:

23 (1)(A) To enter into agreements with and make program grants to  
 24 community-based agencies for the purpose of establishing statewide  
 25 implementation of the Older Worker Community Service Employment Program.

26 (B) However, the division shall make no payments towards  
 27 the cost of the program unless the division determines that the community-  
 28 based agencies will adhere to the provisions of § 20-80-205 and the  
 29 established ~~regulations~~ rules or policies related to the administration of  
 30 this subchapter;

31 (2) To allow reasonable and appropriate administrative cost for  
 32 the total program, which in no event shall exceed the allowable percentage  
 33 limitation established for ~~Title V~~ Title III of the Older Americans Act, 45  
 34 CFR Part 1321; and

35 (3) To make, issue, and amend ~~regulations~~ rules and policies ~~as~~  
 36 ~~may be necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of~~ this subchapter.