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A Bill

SENATE BILL 943

5 By: Senator Elliott
6 *By: Representative D. Ferguson*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 *AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF INSURANCE FOR HEALTH*
10 *CARE IN ARKANSAS; TO REQUIRE THAT CONTINUING HEALTH*
11 *INSURANCE INFORMATION REGARDING THE HEALTH CARE*
12 *INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM BE PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE*
13 *HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER*
14 *PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

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18 *TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF INSURANCE FOR*
19 *HEALTH CARE IN ARKANSAS; AND TO REQUIRE*
20 *THAT HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION*
21 *REGARDING THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE*
22 *PROGRAM BE PROVIDED TO ENROLLEES OF THE*
23 *HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM.*

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, Subchapter 1, is*
29 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

30 *23-79-160. Health insurance information regarding Health Care*
31 *Independence Program.*

32 *Upon notification to enrollees in the Health Care Independence Program*
33 *established by the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, § 20-77-2401 et*
34 *seq., that the Health Care Independence Program ends on December 31, 2015,*
35 *the Department of Human Services shall simultaneously provide to enrollees in*
36 *the Health Care Independence Program the following information in accordance*



1 with the Arkansas Health Reform Act of 2015, Acts 2015, No. 46:

2 (1) Upon program termination, recommend an alternative
3 healthcare coverage model and legislative framework to ensure the continued
4 availability of healthcare services for vulnerable populations covered by the
5 Health Care Independence Program;

6 (2) Explore and recommend options to modernize Medicaid programs
7 servicing the indigent, aged, and disabled; and

8 (3) Identify the populations eligible for and participating in
9 the Health Care Independence Program, including:

10 (A) Individuals newly eligible for health coverage under
11 the Health Care Independence Program; and

12 (B) Individuals previously eligible for Medicaid before the
13 effective date of the Health Care Independence Program, whether under a
14 Medicaid waiver or some other eligibility criteria.

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16 /s/Elliott
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