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2 90th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 995

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF
9 WORKFORCE SERVICES AND OTHER RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES
10 TO COOPERATE WITH PROFESSIONAL BOARDS, SOCIETIES, AND
11 ORGANIZATIONS; TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
12 ASSESS ARKANSAS'S PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS FOR
13 PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE OR
14 SKILLS IN DEGREED FIELDS OF STUDY AND WHO RENDER
15 SPECIALIZED SERVICES; TO IDENTIFY "PROFESSIONALS OF
16 NECESSITY" TO ENSURE A MIDDLE-CLASS STANDARD OF
17 LIVING IN EVERY ARKANSAS COMMUNITY; TO EXPLORE
18 STRATEGIES THAT WILL ENCOURAGE "PROFESSIONALS OF
19 NECESSITY" TO LIVE AND WORK IN EVERY ARKANSAS
20 COMMUNITY ESPECIALLY THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
21 UNDERSERVED; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE STATE
22 GOVERNMENT WORKFORCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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26 TO REQUIRE CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES TO
27 COOPERATE WITH PROFESSIONAL ENTITIES; AND
28 TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR PROFESSIONALS WITH
29 SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS WHO CAN
30 RENDER SPECIALIZED SERVICES TO
31 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

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

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36 SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to:



1 (1) Require the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services and
2 other relevant state agencies to cooperate with professional boards,
3 societies, and organizations;

4 (2) Allow the General Assembly to assess Arkansas's present and
5 future needs for professionals who:

6 (A) Render specialized services;

7 (B) Have specialized knowledge or skills in degreed fields
8 of study; and

9 (C) Have derived their specialized knowledge or skill from
10 formal education or research;

11 (3) Identify "professionals of necessity" to ensure a middle-
12 class standard of life in every Arkansas community;

13 (4) Explore strategies that will encourage "professionals of
14 necessity" to live and work in every Arkansas community especially those
15 communities that are underserved; and

16 (5) Amend the law concerning the state government workforce.

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