

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
3 Third Extraordinary Session, 2016  
4

# A Bill

Call Item 9  
SENATE BILL 2

5 By: Senator J. Hendren  
6 By: Representatives Tucker, Collins  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REENACT THE ORIGINAL DATE OF THE SUNSET OF  
10 THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO REENACT THE ORIGINAL DATE OF THE  
15 SUNSET OF THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

21 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

22 (1) Identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2, were  
23 enacted and became effective on April 8, 2016;

24 (2) Identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2, created  
25 the Arkansas Works Program, § 23-61-1001 et seq., and amended various  
26 sections of the Arkansas Code;

27 (3) During the 2016 Fiscal Session, an amendment was made to  
28 Senate Bill 121, the appropriation bill of the Division of Medical Services  
29 of the Department of Human Services, to add Section 19 which modified the  
30 sunset date of the Arkansas Works Program from December 31, 2021, the date  
31 established by the identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2, to  
32 December 31, 2016; and

33 (4) On April 21, 2016, the Governor exercised the power of the  
34 line-item veto under the Arkansas Constitution, Article 6, § 17, to veto  
35 Section 19 of Senate Bill 121 and signed the bill, which became Acts 2016,  
36 No. 3.



1           (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

2                   (1) Recognize the power of the line-item veto under the Arkansas  
3 Constitution, Article 6, § 17, as exercised by the Governor; and

4                   (2) Demonstrate that the will of the General Assembly is for the  
5 sunset date of the Arkansas Works Program to be as originally established by  
6 identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2; and

7                   (3) Ensure the original sunset date of December 31, 2021, for  
8 the Arkansas Works Program established by identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex.  
9 Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2, is reenacted in the event that a court invalidates the  
10 line-item veto of Section 19 of Senate Bill 121 as exercised by the Governor.

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12           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-61-1009 is reenacted to read as follows:  
13           23-61-1009. Sunset.

14           This subchapter shall expire on December 31, 2021.