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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1775

By: Representative Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MANDATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SUICIDE
PREVENTION HOTLINE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 45, Subchapter 3, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-45-303. Suicide Prevention Hotline.

(a)(1) The Department of Health shall establish and maintain to the
extent that funding is available the Suicide Prevention Hotline for the
purpose of helping to prevent suicide in the state.

(2) The department may contract with vendors to maintain the
Suicide Prevention Hotline.

(b)(1) The Suicide Prevention Hotline shall be staffed twenty-four
(24) hours per day and shall have statewide accessibility through a toll-free
telephone number.

(2) The toll-free telephone number under this section shall be
known as the "Suicide Prevention Hotline".

(c) All persons may use the Suicide Prevention Hotline to assist in
preventing suicide throughout the state.

