

1 State of Arkansas
2 93rd General Assembly
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HR 1033

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5 By: Representative Vaught

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 TO ENCOURAGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS ISSUES
9 OF OVERSIGHT REGARDING MENTAL HEALTHCARE SERVICE
10 PROVIDERS THAT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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16 MENTAL HEALTHCARE SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT
17 CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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20 WHEREAS, mental healthcare services are vital to this state; and

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22 WHEREAS, thirty-seven and eight-tenths percent (37.8%) of adults
23 surveyed in Arkansas reported symptoms of anxiety or depression, or both,
24 from September 29 to October 11, 2021; and

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26 WHEREAS, in 2018-2019, four and seven-tenths percent (4.7%) of adults
27 surveyed in Arkansas reported serious thoughts of suicide in the past year;
28 and

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30 WHEREAS, mental healthcare service providers in this state often
31 contract with state agencies to provide mental healthcare services to the
32 citizens of this state; and

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34 WHEREAS, contracts with these mental healthcare service providers often
35 do not provide for oversight by the state agency unless a complaint is made
36 about the mental healthcare service provider; and



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WHEREAS, service issues, such as turning patients away without treatment, have been reported regarding mental healthcare service providers that contract with the state; and

WHEREAS, additional oversight regarding mental healthcare service providers that contract with the state should be required to ensure the health and safety of the citizens of this state,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives encourage the General Assembly to address issues of oversight regarding mental healthcare service providers that contract with the State of Arkansas.