

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1681

5 By: Representative Andrews  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REGULATE CERTAIN GUARANTEED INCOME  
9 PROGRAMS; TO CREATE THE WORK PROTECTION ACT; TO  
10 PROHIBIT A PUBLIC ENTITY FROM ENFORCING OR ENACTING  
11 CERTAIN UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PROGRAMS; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO REGULATE CERTAIN GUARANTEED INCOME  
16 PROGRAMS; TO CREATE THE WORK PROTECTION  
17 ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC ENTITY FROM  
18 ENFORCING OR ENACTING CERTAIN UNIVERSAL  
19 BASIC INCOME PROGRAMS.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title – Purpose.

26 (a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Work Protection  
27 Act".

28 (b) The purpose of this act is to promote the value of work by  
29 prohibiting a state agency or local government from administering, enacting,  
30 or enforcing a guaranteed income program.  
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended  
33 to add an additional section to read as follows:

34 14-1-108. Universal basic income program – Prohibitions – Definitions.

35 (a) As used in this section:

36 (1) "Local government" means:



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(A) A county;

(B) A city of the first class, a city of the second class, or an incorporated town; or

(C) Any other district or political subdivision of the state or an agency, board, or commission of the district or political subdivision of the state;

(2) "State agency" means an office, board, commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government; and

(3) "Universal basic income program" means a program that is not expressly required by federal law in which an individual receives a guaranteed cash payment regularly.

(b) Unless expressly authorized by state law, a state agency or a local government shall not enact or enforce, directly or indirectly, a universal basic income program.