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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1681

5 By: Representatives Andrews, *Beaty Jr.*, *M. Brown*, *McCollum*
6 By: *Senator J. Bryant*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

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

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

35 14-1-108. Universal basic income program – Prohibitions – Definitions.

36 (a) As used in this section:



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(1) "Local government" means:

(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.

/s/Andrews