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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1063

By: Representatives J. Mayberry, *Ray*

By: Senator Crowell

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE  
EXPERIENCE PROGRAM ACT; TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF  
"DISABILITY CERTIFICATION" AND "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL"  
TO CHANGE THE DISABILITY ONSET AGE FROM TWENTY-SIX TO  
FORTY-SIX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE  
EXPERIENCE PROGRAM ACT; AND TO AMEND THE  
DEFINITIONS OF "DISABILITY  
CERTIFICATION" AND "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL"  
TO CHANGE DISABILITY ONSET AGE FROM  
TWENTY-SIX TO FORTY-SIX.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-3-103(4), concerning the definition of  
"disability certification" under the Achieving a Better Life Experience  
Program Act, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Disability certification" means, with respect to an  
individual, a certification to the satisfaction of the United States  
Secretary of the Treasury by the individual or the parent or guardian of the  
individual that:

(A) Certifies that:

(i)(a)(1) The individual has a medically  
determinable physical or mental impairment that:

(A) Results in marked and severe



1 functional limitations; and

2 (B) Can be expected to result in  
3 death; or

4 (2) Has lasted or can be expected to  
5 last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or

6 (b) The individual is blind within the meaning  
7 of § 1614(a)(2) of the Social Security Act; and

8 (ii) The blindness or disability occurred before the  
9 individual attained ~~twenty-six (26)~~ forty-six (46) years of age; and

10 (B) Includes a copy of the individual's diagnosis relating  
11 to the individual's relevant impairment or impairments, signed by a physician  
12 meeting the criteria of § 1861(r)(1) of the Social Security Act;

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-3-103(5), concerning the definition of  
15 "eligible individual" under the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program  
16 Act, is amended to read as follows:

17 (5) "Eligible individual" means an individual who for a taxable  
18 year:

19 (A) Is entitled to benefits based on blindness or  
20 disability under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C.  
21 § 301 et seq., and the blindness or disability is a preexisting condition  
22 that occurred before the date on which the individual attained ~~twenty-six~~  
23 ~~(26)~~ forty-six (46) years of age; or

24 (B) Has a disability certification filed with the United  
25 States Secretary of the Treasury for the taxable year;

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27 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date.

28 This act is effective on and after January 1, 2026.

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30 /s/J. Mayberry  
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