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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES
10 ACT OF 2019; TO ESTABLISH CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENTS;
11 TO ESTABLISH THE CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN
12 AFFAIRS; TO TRANSFER STATE ENTITIES; TO DECLARE AN
13 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 43, is amended to add an
28 additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 16 – Department of Veteran Affairs

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31 25-43-1601. Department of Veteran Affairs – Creation.

32 There is created the Department of Veteran Affairs as a cabinet-level
33 department.
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35 25-43-1602. State entities transferred to the Department of Veteran
36 Affairs.



1 (a) The administrative functions of the following state entities are
 2 transferred to the Department of Veteran Affairs pursuant to a cabinet-level
 3 department transfer:

4 (1) Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service, created under §
 5 20-81-101;

6 (2) Arkansas Veterans' Commission, created under § 20-81-104;

7 (3) County veterans' service officer program, created under §
 8 20-81-106;

9 (4) State veterans' cemetery system, created under § 20-81-112;

10 and

11 (5) Veterans' Homes, established under § 20-81-105.

12 (b) Each entity transferred shall retain its specified statutory
 13 duties.

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 15 25-43-1603. Powers and duties of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

16 (a) The Department of Veteran Affairs shall:

17 (1) Supervise the operation of the Veterans' Homes;

18 (2) Supervise the activities, training, and testing of the
 19 county veterans' service officers located throughout the State of Arkansas;

20 and

21 (3) Perform all administrative functions for the state entities
 22 under the administration of the department.

23 (b) The department is authorized to develop and promulgate all rules
 24 necessary for the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this
 25 act and all applicable federal rules and regulations.

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 27 25-43-1604. Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

28 (a) The Governor may appoint a qualified Secretary of the Department
 29 of Veteran Affairs who has:

30 (1) Served in the United States Armed Forces during a period of
 31 conflict as defined by the United States Congress;

32 (2) Been honorably discharged from the United States Armed
 33 Forces; and

34 (3) Been a resident of the State of Arkansas for two (2) years
 35 preceding his or her appointment.

36 (b) The secretary shall promote and supervise the dissemination of

1 available information concerning the rights of veterans and their dependents.

2 (c) The secretary may establish, maintain, and operate district
 3 offices within the State of Arkansas as may be necessary.

4 (d) The secretary may employ other employees, full-time or part-time,
 5 as may be determined necessary, within the limits of the funds appropriated
 6 for that purpose.

7 (e)(1) An employee under the supervision of the department shall not
 8 accept, receive, or charge any money, article, or thing of value for the
 9 performance of any service rendered to any veteran or his or her dependents
 10 at any time or in any manner.

11 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection is
 12 guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than
 13 fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or
 14 imprisoned not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or
 15 both.

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 17 25-43-1605. Veteran claim specialist.

18 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs may employ
 19 veteran claim specialists, full-time or part-time, as may be determined
 20 necessary, within the limits of the funds appropriated for that purpose.

21 (b)(1) A veteran claim specialist shall have served in the United
 22 States Armed Forces and shall have been honorably discharged from the United
 23 States Armed Forces.

24 (2) All veteran claim specialists of the Department of Veteran
 25 Affairs shall have knowledge of all laws, both federal and state, relating to
 26 the rights and benefits of all veterans and their dependents and shall aid
 27 and assist all veterans and their dependents in securing their rights and
 28 benefits.

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 30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 11-15-105 is amended to read as follows:
 31 11-15-105. Verification of eligibility.

32 The Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs and the ~~Department~~ Division
 33 of Workforce Services shall assist a private employer or a local government
 34 employer in determining if an applicant or employee is a veteran, spouse of a
 35 disabled veteran, or surviving spouse of a veteran.

1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 19-6-813(c), concerning the Military
2 Funeral Honors Fund, is amended to read as follows:

3 (c) The fund shall be used by the Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran
4 Affairs to assist with the cost of providing military funeral honors at
5 veterans' funerals.

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7 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 20-8-702(b)(1)(C), concerning the creation
8 and membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary
9 Task Force, is amended to read as follows:

10 (C) One (1) member who is a designee of the Department of
11 ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs;

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13 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 20-17-703(b), concerning the notice to
14 medical schools of an unclaimed body, is amended to read as follows:

15 (b) For the purpose of notifying a medical school of its availability,
16 "unclaimed body" means a human body in the possession, charge, or control of
17 the persons named in subsection (a) of this section for a period not to
18 exceed forty-eight (48) hours, during which time a relative, next of kin,
19 friend, representative of a fraternal society of which the deceased was a
20 member, veterans service organization as defined in the Missing in America
21 Project Act, § 20-17-1401 et seq., the Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran
22 Affairs, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, or a
23 representative of a charitable or religious group may claim the body for
24 burial purposes.

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26 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 20-17-707(b), concerning the holding period
27 for a medical school regarding an unclaimed body, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 (b) During this time a relative, next of kin, friend, a representative
30 of a fraternal society of which the deceased was a member, a veterans service
31 organization as defined in the Missing in America Project Act, § 20-17-1401
32 et seq., the Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs, the United States
33 Department of Veterans Affairs, or a representative of a charitable or
34 religious group may claim the body for burial at his or her or its expense as
35 stated in § 20-17-706(a)-(c).

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1 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 20-18-306(b)(1), concerning fees for
 2 certified copies of vital records, is amended to read as follows:

3 (b)(1) However, certified copies of the records shall be furnished to
 4 veterans or their dependents without costs when the Department of ~~Veterans~~
 5 Veteran Affairs requires certified copies of the records.

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 7 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 20-81-101(a)(2) and (3), concerning the
 8 Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service, are amended to read as follows:

9 (2) The Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service shall be under
 10 the direction of a director to be named by the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the
 11 Department of Veteran Affairs upon written recommendation by the governing
 12 body of the ~~American Legion Department of Arkansas~~ American Legion -
 13 Department of Arkansas Foundation, Inc.

14 (3) The Director of the Arkansas Veterans' Child Welfare Service
 15 shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~Governor~~ secretary.

16
 17 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 20-81-102 is repealed.

18 ~~20-81-102. Department of Veterans Affairs - Creation - Powers and~~
 19 ~~duties.~~

20 ~~(a) There is created the Department of Veterans Affairs.~~

21 ~~(b) The department shall:~~

22 ~~(1) Supervise the operation of the Veterans' Home; and~~

23 ~~(2) Supervise the activities, training, and testing of the~~
 24 ~~County Veterans' Service officers located throughout the State of Arkansas.~~

25 ~~(c) The department is authorized to develop and promulgate all rules~~
 26 ~~and regulations necessary for the enforcement and implementation of the~~
 27 ~~provisions of this act and all applicable federal rules and regulations.~~

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 29 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 20-81-103 is repealed.

30 ~~20-81-103. Department of Veterans Affairs - Appointment of director -~~
 31 ~~Employees.~~

32 ~~(a) The Governor is authorized to appoint a qualified Director of the~~
 33 ~~Department of Veterans Affairs who shall have served in the United States~~
 34 ~~Armed Forces during armed conflict as set forth by the United States~~
 35 ~~Congress, who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and who shall have~~
 36 ~~been a resident of the State of Arkansas for two (2) years preceding his or~~

1 her appointment.

2 (b) ~~The director shall promote and supervise the dissemination of all~~
 3 ~~available information concerning the rights of all veterans and their~~
 4 ~~dependents.~~

5 (c) ~~The director may establish, maintain, and operate district offices~~
 6 ~~within the State of Arkansas as may be necessary.~~

7 (d) ~~The director is authorized to employ an assistant director and~~
 8 ~~such other employees, full-time or part-time, as may be determined necessary,~~
 9 ~~subject to approval of the Governor and within the limits of the funds~~
 10 ~~appropriated therefor.~~

11 (e)(1) ~~A veterans' claims specialist shall have served in the United~~
 12 ~~States Armed Forces and shall have been honorably discharged therefrom.~~

13 (2) ~~All veterans' claims specialists of the Department of~~
 14 ~~Veterans Affairs shall familiarize themselves with all laws, both federal and~~
 15 ~~state, relating to rights and benefits of all veterans and their dependents~~
 16 ~~and shall aid and assist all veterans and their dependents in securing their~~
 17 ~~rights and benefits.~~

18 (f)(1) ~~All employees under the supervision of the department shall not~~
 19 ~~for themselves accept, receive, or charge any money, article, or thing of~~
 20 ~~value for the performing of any service rendered to any veteran or his or her~~
 21 ~~dependents at any time or in any manner.~~

22 (2) ~~Any person who shall violate the provisions of this~~
 23 ~~subsection shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall~~
 24 ~~be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred~~
 25 ~~dollars (\$500), or imprisoned not less than thirty (30) days nor more than~~
 26 ~~six (6) months, or both.~~

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 28 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 20-81-104(a)(1), concerning the Arkansas
 29 Veterans' Commission, is amended to read as follows:

30 (1) Serve as the advisory body for the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
 31 Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs;
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33 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 20-81-104(c), concerning the Arkansas
 34 Veterans' Commission, is amended to read as follows:

35 (c) The Arkansas Veterans' Commission shall make recommendations to
 36 the ~~director~~ secretary for the operation and improvement of the efficiency of

1 the ~~Veterans' Home~~ veterans' homes established under § 20-81-105 and a the
 2 state veterans' ~~cemetery~~ cemeteries established under § 20-81-112.

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 4 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 20-81-105 is amended to read as follows:
 5 20-81-105. Veterans' ~~Home~~ homes.

6 (a) The Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs is authorized to
 7 establish and maintain a one (1) or more ~~Veterans' Home~~ veterans' homes at a
 8 ~~location~~ locations selected by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
 9 ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs, after seeking advice from the Arkansas Veterans'
 10 Commission, ~~and the Arkansas Veterans' Home Task Force [abolished]~~.

11 (b) The department is authorized to employ staff to operate ~~the home~~
 12 the veterans' homes as it deems appropriate and as authorized by biennial
 13 appropriation.

14 (c)(1) ~~The~~ Each veterans' home shall be operated under the supervision
 15 of the department.

16 (2) The ~~director~~ secretary shall be the administrative head of
 17 the ~~home~~ veterans' homes;

18 (3) The secretary may delegate the administration of each
 19 veterans' home to an employee of the Department of Veteran Affairs.

20 (d)(1) The department shall promulgate appropriate guidelines for
 21 determining eligibility of veterans for admission to ~~the~~ a veterans' home and
 22 the monetary charges to be made for veterans residing in the a veterans'
 23 home. All guidelines shall conform to the federal requirements to qualify ~~the~~
 24 ~~home~~ veterans' homes as ~~a nursing home~~ nursing homes for veterans and to
 25 render the ~~home~~ veterans' homes eligible to receive federal financial
 26 assistance.

27 (2)(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 20-8-101 et seq., the
 28 ~~home~~ veterans' homes may be used as ~~a nursing home~~ nursing homes for veterans
 29 without obtaining a certificate of need.

30 (B) Bed capacity shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) beds.

31 (e) In the administration of the ~~home~~ veterans' homes, the ~~director~~
 32 secretary is authorized to do the following:

33 (1) Establish accounts to record the receipt and disbursement of
 34 funds from resident veterans to pay for a portion of their maintenance at ~~the~~
 35 ~~home~~ a veterans' home;

36 (2) Develop policies for determining charges to be made to

1 resident veterans;

2 (3) Develop accounts and procedures pertaining to incompetent
3 residents;

4 (4) Establish procedures and accounts for payment by ~~the home a~~
5 veteran's home to its residents for work performed at the veterans' home;

6 (5) Establish such other accounts as are necessary to the
7 orderly administration of the ~~home~~ veterans' homes; and

8 (6) Establish policies necessary for the operation of the ~~home~~
9 veterans' homes.

10 (f) At the end of each fiscal year, the ~~director~~ secretary shall
11 certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount of nonrevenues to
12 be retained in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account. All other moneys
13 shall be transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund according
14 to existing laws.

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16 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 20-81-107 is amended to read as follows:
17 20-81-107. Gifts, volunteer services, etc.

18 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran
19 Affairs is authorized to arrange for and accept through such mutual
20 arrangement as may be made the volunteer services, equipment, gifts,
21 facilities, properties, supplies, and personnel of any state, county, and
22 municipal offices and agencies and of veterans' fraternal, welfare, civic,
23 and service organizations in the furtherance of the purposes of this act.

24 (b) The ~~director~~ secretary may accept on behalf of the Department of
25 ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs from any natural person or legal entity the donation
26 of real property for use as a cemetery for the interment of Arkansas veterans
27 of the United States Armed Forces and their immediate next of kin as defined
28 by the department.

29 (c) The ~~director~~ secretary may accept on behalf of the department from
30 any source the donation of gifts, grants, cash, bequeaths, real or personal
31 property, and equipment for the establishment, construction, maintenance, and
32 operations of any state-owned and ~~operated Veterans' Home~~ state-operated
33 veterans' home.

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35 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 20-81-108(b), concerning actions by
36 municipal governing bodies, is amended to read as follows:

1 (b) All offices shall be under the supervision of the ~~Director~~
 2 Secretary of the Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs, and all work of the
 3 offices shall be coordinated with the department.

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 5 SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 27-24-205 is amended to read as follows:
 6 27-24-205. Additional special license plates.

7 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration
 8 shall examine the following factors to determine whether to create and issue
 9 additional special license plates under this subchapter:

10 (1) Whether an application for the creation of an additional
 11 special license plate under this subchapter has been filed by either:

12 (A) The Adjutant General ~~for~~ of the State of Arkansas for
 13 a special license plate related to members of the National Guard and reserve
 14 components of the armed forces; or

15 (B) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of ~~Veterans~~
 16 Veteran Affairs for a special license plate related to veterans or any other
 17 branch of the ~~armed forces of the~~ United States Armed Forces; and

18 (2) Whether there has been a recent armed conflict or war in
 19 which members of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or the
 20 reserve components of the armed services have served.

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 22 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 27-24-209(c)(2)(A), concerning the
 23 redesign and simplification of military service and veterans' special license
 24 plates, is amended to read as follows:

25 (2)(A) The office is to seek the advice and input of the
 26 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of ~~Veterans~~ Veteran Affairs and ~~The the~~
 27 Adjutant General ~~for~~ of the State of Arkansas on the design of the branch
 28 decal.

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 30 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 27-24-209(d)(3), concerning the redesign
 31 and simplification of military service and veterans' special license plates,
 32 is amended to read as follows:

33 (3) The office is to seek the advice and input of the ~~director~~
 34 secretary and ~~The the~~ Adjutant General ~~for~~ of the State of Arkansas on the
 35 design of the medal decal, which medal decals should be issued, and the
 36 timing of the issuance of the medal decals.

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2 SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
3 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act revises the duties of
4 certain state entities; that this act establishes new departments of the
5 state; that these revisions impact the expenses and operations of state
6 government; and that the provisions of this act should become effective at
7 the beginning of the fiscal year to allow for implementation of the new
8 provisions at the beginning of the fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is
9 declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
10 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25 is amended to add an additional
26 chapter to read as follows:

Chapter 43

TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES ACT OF 2019

Subchapter 1 – General Provisions

25-43-101. Title.

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32 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Transformation and
33 Efficiencies Act of 2019”.
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25-43-102. Legislative findings and intent – Construction.

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1 (a) The General Assembly finds that this chapter is necessary to:

2 (1) Reorganize the structure of state government;

3 (2) Improve the delivery of services to the people of this
 4 state;

5 (3) Provide sufficient flexibility to meet changing conditions;

6 (4) Establish a clear master organizational chart for all
 7 executive branch agencies;

8 (5) Provide a reasonable opportunity to create budgetary and
 9 administrative efficiencies within an orderly organizational structure of
 10 state government;

11 (6) Effect the grouping of state agencies primarily according to
 12 function into a limited number of cabinet-level departments; and

13 (7) Eliminate the overlap and duplication of effort.

14 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide for an orderly
 15 transfer of powers, duties, and functions of the various state agencies to
 16 the cabinet-level departments with a minimum of disruption of governmental
 17 services and functions and with a minimum of expense.

18 (c) This chapter shall be liberally construed.

19
 20 25-43-103. Definitions.

21 As used in this chapter:

22 (1)(A) "Administrative functions" means the day-to-day business
 23 operations of a state entity, including without limitation employment,
 24 payroll, property management, benefit management, human resource operations,
 25 and accounting operations for all state entities, and all other duties as
 26 assigned by the secretary of the cabinet-level department or his or her
 27 designee.

28 (B) "Administrative functions" does not include the
 29 promulgation of rules or issuance of orders on behalf of any state entity
 30 unless specifically designated by statute, rule, order, or directive;

31 (2) "Cabinet-level department" means one (1) of the fifteen (15)
 32 executive agencies designated by the Governor to provide state services and
 33 provide direct reports to the Governor;

34 (3) "Employee" means a member of personnel employed to carry out
 35 the functions of state government; and

36 (4) "State entity" means any instrumentality of state

1 government, including without limitation a board, commission, advisory board,
2 office, department, institution, bureau, council, administrative program,
3 agency, or division.

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5 25-43-104. Effect of act on preexisting rules, regulations, etc.

6 (a) This act does not affect the orders, rules, regulations,
7 directives, or standards made or promulgated prior to its enactment by any
8 state entity, the functions, powers, and duties of which have been assigned
9 or transferred by this chapter to a cabinet-level department established by
10 this act.

11 (b) The orders, rules, regulations, directives, or standards under
12 subsection (a) of this section shall continue with full force and effect
13 until amended or repealed by law.

14
15 25-43-105. Cabinet-level departments.

16 The following cabinet-level departments are created:

- 17 (1) The Department of Agriculture;
18 (2) The Department of Commerce;
19 (3) The Department of Corrections;
20 (4) The Department of Education;
21 (5) The Department of Energy and Environment;
22 (6) The Department of Finance and Administration;
23 (7) The Department of Health;
24 (8) The Department of Human Services;
25 (9) The Department of the Inspector General;
26 (10) The Department of Labor and Licensing;
27 (11) The Department of Military;
28 (12) The Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism;
29 (13) The Department of Public Safety;
30 (14) The Department of Transformation and Shared Services; and
31 (15) The Department of Veteran Affairs.

32 (b) All cabinet-level departments are executive agencies and report to
33 the Governor.

34 (c) The General Assembly may prescribe duties to the cabinet-level
35 departments and the various state entities that are administered by the
36 cabinet-level departments.

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2 25-43-106. Cabinet-level department secretary.

3 (a) The executive head of each cabinet-level department shall be named
4 the secretary.

5 (b) The secretary shall be appointed by the Governor, unless otherwise
6 specified by law.

7 (c) The secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

8 (d) The secretary may:

9 (1) Delegate to the employees of his or her cabinet-level
10 department any of the powers or duties of the cabinet-level department
11 required to administer the department;

12 (2) Hire cabinet-level department personnel;

13 (3) Perform or assign duties assigned to the cabinet-level
14 department; and

15 (4) Serve as the director, administrative, or executive head of
16 any state entity under the administrative control of the cabinet-level
17 department if the secretary also meets all statutory requirements for the
18 position.

19
20 25-43-107. Cabinet-level departments – Powers and duties.

21 (a) A cabinet-level department shall:

22 (1) Execute the powers and duties prescribed by law;

23 (2) Administer each state entity transferred to the cabinet-
24 level department under this chapter;

25 (3) Make contracts, grants, and employ, to the extent funds are
26 available, such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
27 the cabinet-level department and each state entity administered by the
28 cabinet-level department; and

29 (4) Perform all administrative functions of state entities
30 transferred under this chapter or as designated by law.

31 (b) A cabinet-level department may:

32 (1) Assist other state entities and federal departments,
33 agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions, when so requested, by
34 performing services in conformity with the purposes of the cabinet-level
35 department;

36 (2) Maintain and administer real property on behalf of each

1 state entity transferred under this chapter as delegated by law;

2 (3) Maintain and administer all personal property on behalf of
3 each state entity transferred under this chapter;

4 (4) Provide administrative support, employment needs, and staff
5 to carry out the orders, rules, regulations, directives, or standards
6 promulgated or issued by each state entity over which the cabinet-level
7 department has administrative control; and

8 (5) Share business and administrative services across each
9 cabinet-level department as determined necessary by the secretary.

10
11 25-43-108. Cabinet-level department transfers.

12 (a) Transfers of state entities made under this chapter shall be
13 referred to as "cabinet-level department transfers" and shall incorporate by
14 reference this chapter.

15 (b) All administrative functions of a state entity transferred under
16 this chapter shall be administered under the direction and supervision of the
17 cabinet-level department into which the state entity is transferred.

18 (c) A state entity subject to a cabinet-level department transfer of
19 the state entity's administrative functions under this chapter shall make
20 available to the cabinet-level department all records concerning the
21 administrative functions of the state entity.

22 (d)(1) All personnel employed by a state entity transferred under this
23 chapter shall be considered employees of the cabinet-level department.

24 (2) All job descriptions, duties, salaries, and benefits of the
25 employee positions shall be determined by the secretary of the cabinet-level
26 department as consistent with Arkansas law unless otherwise specifically
27 stated by statute.

28 (3) All programs and positions funded by special funds allocated
29 by law to a state entity subject to the cabinet-level department transfer
30 under this chapter shall continue to be used for the designated purposes of
31 the programs and positions.

32 (e) A cabinet-level department shall provide all administrative
33 support, employment needs, and staff to carry out the orders, rules,
34 regulations, directives, or standards promulgated or issued by the state
35 entities transferred under this chapter, unless statutorily directed
36 otherwise.

1 (f) The transferred state entities shall be administered under the
2 direction and supervision of the cabinet-level department but shall continue
3 to exercise the stated statutory authority, powers, duties, and functions as
4 exercised before the cabinet-level department transfer, including without
5 limitation the promulgation of rules and regulations, the collection of fees,
6 licensing, certification, or registration authority over designated
7 occupations, and the creation of programs.

8 (g) Any revenue, including without limitation cash funds, special
9 revenue, trust fund income, federal grants, aid, reimbursements, nonrevenue
10 receipts, and other moneys held in accounts by the transferred state
11 entities, including without limitation unexpended balances that may be
12 carried forward, shall continue to be held in the accounts and shall be used
13 solely for the purposes for which the revenue was collected as provided by
14 law.

15 (h) All records, personnel, unexpended balances of state
16 appropriations or state allocations, and functions of budgeting and
17 purchasing of a transferred state entity are transferred to the cabinet-level
18 department.

19 (i)(1) All real property owned in fee simple by a transferred state
20 entity shall remain in the name of the transferred state entity, to be
21 administered by the cabinet-level department.

22 (2) All other property of the transferred state entity,
23 including without limitation personal property, fixtures, contracts, and
24 assignable leases, shall be transferred to the cabinet-level department.

25 (j) State entities transferred under a cabinet-level transfer may
26 continue to use all remaining stationary, branded material, or other similar
27 items until the stationary, branded material, or other similar items are
28 expended.

29
30 25-43-109. Correction of technical errors related to reorganization of
31 state government.

32 (a)(1) The General Assembly finds that:

33 (A) The reorganization of the structure of state
34 government under this chapter involves changes to hundreds of sections of the
35 Arkansas Code concerning state entities;

36 (B) Many of the changes required are highly technical and

1 require careful study of the purpose and context of each Arkansas Code
2 section, with some of the changes not becoming apparent until the
3 implementation of the reorganization of state government under this chapter;

4 (C) With a project as large and comprehensive as the
5 reorganization of state government under this chapter, it is inevitable that
6 certain sections of the Arkansas Code requiring technical changes to follow
7 the intent of this chapter will be either omitted or amended in a manner that
8 is later found to be erroneous and unintentional; and

9 (D) If the correct statutory change to remedy an
10 unintentional error is readily apparent and consistent with the intent of
11 this chapter, the unintentional error should be corrected as part of the
12 codification process due to the technical nature of the unintentional error.

13 (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly to empower the
14 Arkansas Code Revision Commission to correct technical errors identified in
15 the Arkansas Code during the reorganization of the structure of state
16 government under this chapter to allow this chapter to be fully implemented.

17 (b)(1)(A) Any person or state entity identifying one (1) or more
18 sections of the Arkansas Code that requires revision to implement the intent
19 of this chapter may notify the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research
20 or his or her designee of the section or sections at issue.

21 (B) If the Bureau of Legislative Research, while assisting
22 the commission with the commission's powers and duties, becomes aware of one
23 (1) or more sections of the Arkansas Code that require revision to implement
24 the intent of this chapter for which it appears that the bureau and the
25 commission do not have authority to make the necessary revision under § 1-2-
26 303(d), the bureau may notify the commission of the section or sections at
27 issue.

28 (2) If the commission determines that the revision necessary to
29 one (1) or more sections of the Arkansas Code under subdivision (b)(1) of
30 this section is technical in nature, germane to the intent of this chapter,
31 and consistent with this chapter's policy and purposes, the commission may
32 make the revision to the Arkansas Code.

33 (3) The commission shall notify the publisher of the Arkansas
34 Code of a revision to the Arkansas Code under subdivision (b)(2) of this
35 section as soon as possible so that the revision may be reflected in the
36 official hard copy version of the Arkansas Code and official electronic

1 version of the Arkansas Code.

2 (4)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(4)(B) of this
3 section, when the commission approves a revision to the Arkansas Code under
4 subdivision (b)(2) of this section, the commission shall notify the following
5 of the revision within thirty (30) days:

6 (i) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7 (ii) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

8 (iii) The Legislative Council.

9 (B) The commission is not required to make a notification
10 under subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section if the revision is made under §
11 1-2-303(d).

12 (c) The authority granted to the commission under this section is
13 supplemental to the commission's authority under § 1-2-303.

14
15 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
16 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act revises the duties of
17 certain state entities; that this act establishes new departments of the
18 state; that these revisions impact the expenses and operations of state
19 government; and that the provisions of this act should become effective at
20 the beginning of the fiscal year to allow for implementation of the new
21 provisions at the beginning of the fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is
22 declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
23 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2019
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1072

5 By: Representative A. Davis
6 By: Senator Hester
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TRANSFORMATION AND EFFICIENCIES
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13 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 43, is amended to add an
28 additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 8 – Department of Health

30
31 25-43-801. Department of Health.

32 There is created the Department of Health as a cabinet-level
33 department.
34

35 25-43-802. State entities transferred to the Department of Health.

36 (a) The administrative functions of the following state entities are



1 transferred to the Department of Health pursuant to a cabinet-level
2 department transfer:

3 (1) The Advisory Board for Interpreters Between Hearing
4 Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral
5 Deaf, created under § 20-14-804;

6 (2) The Advisory Committee on Healthcare Acquired Infections,
7 created under § 20-9-1204;

8 (3) The Advisory Council to the Arkansas Youth Suicide
9 Prevention Task Force, created under § 20-77-1607;

10 (4) The Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians, created under §
11 17-89-201;

12 (5) The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling, created under
13 § 17-27-201;

14 (6) The Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, created
15 under § 17-84-201;

16 (7) The Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine, created under §
17 17-96-201;

18 (8) The Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood
19 Initiative, created under § 20-8-505;

20 (9) The Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board, created under § 17-
21 83-201;

22 (10) The Arkansas Minority Health Commission, created under §
23 20-2-102;

24 (11) The Arkansas Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics
25 Advisory Board, created under § 17-107-201;

26 (12) The The Arkansas Psychology Board, created under § 17-97-
27 201;

28 (13) The Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, created under §
29 17-103-201;

30 (14) The Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission, created under § 20-8-
31 202;

32 (15) The Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related
33 Techniques, created under § 17-102-201;

34 (16) The Arkansas State Board of Athletic Training, created
35 under § 17-93-404;

36 (17) The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, created

- 1 under § 17-81-201;
2 (18) The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners, created under
3 § 17-82-201;
4 (19) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing, created under § 17-87-
5 201;
6 (20) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, created under § 17-
7 92-201;
8 (21) The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy, created under
9 § 17-93-201;
10 (22) The Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians, created under §
11 17-43-201;
12 (23) The Arkansas State Medical Board, created under § 17-95-
13 301;
14 (24) The Arkansas Suicide Prevention Council, created under §
15 20-45-302;
16 (25) The Arkansas Surgeon General, created under § 25-43-805;
17 (26) The Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission, created under §
18 19-12-117;
19 (27) The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
20 Audiology, created under § 17-100-201;
21 (28) The Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board, created under §
22 20-15-1304;
23 (29) The Cervical Cancer Task Force, created under § 20-9-1102;
24 (30) The Child Health Advisory Committee, created under § 20-7-
25 133;
26 (31) The Drinking Water Advisory and Operator Licensing
27 Committee, created under § 17-51-104;
28 (32) The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, created
29 under § 20-13-205;
30 (33) The Health Services Permit Agency, created under § 20-8-
31 102;
32 (34) The Health Services Permit Commission, created under § 20-
33 8-102;
34 (35) The Marine Sanitation Advisory Committee, created under §
35 27-101-405;
36 (36) The Medical Ionizing Radiation Licensure Committee, created

1 under § 17-106-104;

2 (37) The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory
 3 Committee, created under § 20-7-605;

4 (38) The Prescriptive Authority Advisory Committee, created
 5 under § 17-87-205;

6 (39) The State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
 7 Counselors, created under § 17-27-404;

8 (40) The State Board of Optometry, created under § 17-90-201;

9 (41) The State Board of Health, created under § 20-7-102;

10 (42) The State Hospice Office, created under § 20-7-117;

11 (43) The State Kidney Disease Commission, created under § 20-15-
 12 602;

13 (44) The State Board of Disease Intervention Specialists,
 14 created under 17-98-201;

15 (45) The Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program, created under
 16 § 19-12-113; and

17 (46) The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening, Tracking and
 18 Intervention Advisory Board, created under § 20-15-1503.

19 (b) Each entity transferred shall retain its specified statutory
 20 duties.

21
 22 25-43-803. Secretary of the Department of Health.

23 (a) The executive head of the Department of Health shall be the
 24 Secretary of the Department of Health.

25 (b) The secretary shall be employed by the Governor and shall serve at
 26 the pleasure of the Governor.

27 (c) The secretary may perform all duties to administer the Department
 28 of Health, including without limitation:

29 (1) Delegate to the employees of the Department of Health any of
 30 the powers or duties of the department required to administer the:

31 (A) Statutory duties; or

32 (B) Rules, orders, or directives promulgated or issued by
 33 the state entities transferred to or established within the department.

34 (2) Hire department personnel;

35 (3) Perform or assign duties assigned to the Department of
 36 Health; and

1 (4) Perform the duties of any other position within the
2 Department of Health, if the secretary meets all statutory qualifications for
3 that position.

4
5 25-43-804. Director.

6 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Health may employ a Director of
7 the Department of Health.

8 (b) The secretary may delegate his or her functions, powers, and
9 duties to the director or to other various units or personnel of the
10 Department of Health as he or she shall deem desirable and necessary for the
11 effective and efficient operation of the department.

12 (c)(1) All other personnel of the department shall be employed by and
13 shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary.

14 (2) However, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to
15 reduce any right that an employee of the department has under any civil
16 service or merit system.

17 (d)(1) Each unit of the department shall be under the direction,
18 control, and supervision of the secretary.

19
20 25-43-805. Office of Oral Health.

21 (a) The Department of Health shall maintain an Office of Oral Health.

22 (b) The Secretary of the Department of Health may appoint a Director
23 of the Office of Oral Health.

24 (1) The Director of the Office of Oral Health shall be an
25 experienced public health dentist licensed to practice under the Arkansas
26 Dental Practice Act, § 17-82-101 et seq.

27 (2) The Director of the Office of Oral Health shall:

28 (A) Plan, direct, and coordinate all dental public health
29 programs with other local, state, and national health programs;

30 (B) Serve as the department's chief advisor on matters
31 involving oral health; and

32 (C) Plan, implement, and evaluate all oral health programs
33 within the department.

34
35 25-43-806. Arkansas Surgeon General.

36 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Health may employ the Arkansas

1 Surgeon General.

2 (b) If employed by the Secretary of the Department of Health, the
3 Arkansas Surgeon General shall:

4 (1) Be a graduate of a school of medicine recognized by the
5 Arkansas State Medical Board;

6 (2) Be licensed and in good standing with the Arkansas State
7 Medical Board; and

8 (3) Serve as an advisor to the secretary.

9 (c) The Arkansas Surgeon General shall perform the duties required of
10 him or her by the secretary, including without limitation:

11 (1) Reviewing, assessing, and developing health policy options,
12 including insurance coverage, health risk management, disease prevention, and
13 health promotion strategies across state agencies;

14 (2) Providing health policy advice for the secretary and senior
15 state agency officials;

16 (3) Raising awareness of healthcare and public health areas of
17 priority for advancement of the health of the citizens of Arkansas;

18 (4) Reviewing legislative analyses and proposed legislation and
19 creating position statements for the Governor and senior state agency
20 officials;

21 (5) Advising the secretary, senior state agency officials, and
22 governing boards and commissions on policy issues and program
23 accomplishments; and

24 (6) Providing medical review oversight and guidance to health
25 and human services clinical programs upon the request of the secretary.

26
27 25-43-807. Patient care providers – Wages – Required withholding –
28 Fringe benefits.

29 (a) The Department of Health may pay wages and required state
30 withholding, federal withholding, required matching, and other fringe
31 benefits for patient care part-time intermittent contractual personnel who
32 must be employed in order to provide services in the home.

33 (b) These payments will be made from the appropriation for
34 professional fees and services.

35
36 25-43-808. Additional compensation – County health unit administrators.

1 (a) Any employee serving in the capacity of county health unit
2 administrator shall be eligible for up to ten percent (10%) of additional
3 compensation within the grade during the period of time in which the employee
4 occupies the position.

5 (b) Employees on the highest level of their grade shall be eligible
6 for additional compensation in an amount not to exceed five and one-half
7 percent (5.5%) of their current salary upon assuming responsibility, and this
8 amount shall not be construed as exceeding the line item maximum for the
9 grade for that position.

10 (c)(1) The Department of Health shall certify to the Chief Fiscal
11 Officer of the State the assignment of duties of each employee in this
12 position, the length of the assignment, and the location and reason for the
13 assignment.

14 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall approve the
15 request prior to the awarding of additional compensation.

16
17 25-43-809. Office of Health Information Technology - Creation -
18 Purpose - Policy.

19 (a) The Office of Health Information Technology is created within the
20 Department of Health.

21 (b) The coordination of health information technology activities
22 throughout Arkansas by the Office of Health Information Technology is
23 necessary to obtain the maximum potential value from the investment of
24 federal and state resources to increase the use of health information
25 technology.

26 (c) The exchange of health information made possible by the State
27 Health Alliance for Records Exchange can improve the quality of health of
28 Arkansas citizens by reducing the potential for medical errors, reducing the
29 incidence of redundant tests and procedures, improving patient safety, and
30 making the delivery of healthcare services more efficient and affordable.

31 (d) The Office of Health Information Technology and the State Health
32 Alliance for Records Exchange shall respect and safeguard each person's
33 privacy interests in his or her health and medical information.

34 (e) The Office of Health Information Technology is authorized to
35 transfer the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange to a nonprofit
36 corporation.

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2 25-43-810. Definitions.

3 As used in §§ 25-43-809 - 25-43-812:

4 (1) "Agency" means any agency, board, commission, public
5 instrumentality, political subdivision, or any of the foregoing entities
6 acting on behalf of the State of Arkansas that store, gather, or generate
7 health information;

8 (2) "Deidentified" means the same as the meaning under the
9 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law No.
10 104-191;

11 (3) "Health information" means any information, whether oral or
12 recorded in any form or medium, that:

13 (A) Is created or received by:

14 (i) A provider of health care;

15 (ii) A health plan;

16 (iii) A public health authority;

17 (iv) An employer;

18 (v) A health insurer;

19 (vi) A school or university; or

20 (vii) A healthcare clearinghouse; and

21 (B) Relates to the:

22 (i) Past, present, or future physical or mental
23 health or condition of an individual;

24 (ii) Provision of health care to an individual; or

25 (iii) Past, present, or future payment for the
26 provision of health care to an individual;

27 (4) "Health information exchange" means the electronic movement
28 of health-related information among organizations according to nationally
29 recognized standards;

30 (5) "Health information technology" means the application of
31 information processing involving both computer hardware and software and
32 other technology devices that deal with the storage, retrieval, sharing, and
33 use of healthcare information, data, and knowledge for communication and
34 decision-making;

35 (6) "Identified" means the same as the meaning under the Health
36 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-191;

1 (7) “Nonprofit corporation” means a corporation no part of the
2 income of which is distributable to its members, directors, or officers as
3 under the Arkansas Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1993, § 4-33-101 et seq.; and

4 (8) “State Health Alliance for Records Exchange” means the
5 entity responsible for the processes and procedures that enable the
6 electronic exchange of interoperable health information in Arkansas.

7
8 25-43-811. Duties and responsibilities of the Office of Health
9 Information Technology.

10 (a) The Office of Health Information Technology shall coordinate the
11 health information technology initiatives of the state with relevant
12 executive branch agencies, including without limitation state boards,
13 commissions, nonprofit corporations, and institutions of higher education.

14 (b) The Office of Health Information Technology Coordinator shall be
15 selected and serve in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Department
16 of Health.

17 (c) The office shall:

18 (1) Assure the effective coordination and collaboration of
19 health information technology planning, development, implementation, and
20 financing;

21 (2) Review all health information technology-related grant
22 applications before submission to funding entities;

23 (3) Accept, receive, retain, disburse, and administer any state
24 special or general revenue funds or federal funds specifically appropriated
25 for health information technology;

26 (4) Make contracts and execute all instruments necessary or
27 convenient for carrying out its business;

28 (5) Recommend to the State Board of Health regarding rules
29 necessary to carry out the policies and objectives of this chapter;

30 (6) Plan, establish, and operate the State Health Alliance for
31 Records Exchange until the time when the operational responsibility and
32 authority for the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange is transferred
33 to a nonprofit corporation; and

34 (7)(A) Establish reasonable fees or charges for the use of the
35 State Health Alliance for Records Exchange to fund the operational costs of
36 the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange and the office.

1 (B) Fees or charges established under subdivision
2 (c)(7)(A) of this section shall be set with the input and guidance of the
3 users of the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange, stakeholders, and
4 other interested parties.

5 (C) Fees or charges established under subdivision
6 (c)(7)(A) of this section shall not exceed the total cost of operating the
7 State Health Alliance for Records Exchange, not including staffing costs for
8 the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange and the office.

9 (D) Users of data under this chapter shall be charged in a
10 manner that is proportional to their use of the State Health Alliance for
11 Records Exchange.

12 (E) Revenue generated by the fees or charges under
13 subdivision (c)(7) of this section shall be deposited into the Health
14 Information Technology Fund, § 19-5-1244.

15
16 25-43-812. State Health Alliance for Records Exchange – Duties.

17 (a) The State Health Alliance For Records Exchange shall:

18 (1) Serve as the official health information exchange for the
19 State of Arkansas;

20 (2) Be organized for the purpose of improving the health of
21 Arkansans by:

22 (A) Promoting efficient and effective communication among
23 multiple healthcare providers, including without limitation hospitals,
24 physicians, payers, employers, pharmacies, laboratories, and other healthcare
25 entities;

26 (B) Creating efficiencies in healthcare costs by
27 eliminating redundancy in data capture and storage and reducing
28 administrative, billing, and data collection costs;

29 (C) Creating the ability to monitor community health
30 status; and

31 (D) Providing reliable information to healthcare consumers
32 and purchasers regarding the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care,
33 health plans, and healthcare providers;

34 (3)(A) Until a nonprofit corporation operates the State Health
35 Alliance for Records Exchange, the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange
36 shall be established and operated by the Office of Health Information

1 Technology with the advice of the Health Information Exchange Council,
 2 consisting of the following members appointed by the Secretary of the
 3 Department of Health:

- 4 (i) The Office of Health Information Technology
 5 Coordinator;
- 6 (ii) A representative of the Department of Finance
 7 and Administration;
- 8 (iii) A representative of the Department of Human
 9 Services;
- 10 (iv) A representative of the Division of Information
 11 Systems;
- 12 (v) A representative of the health insurance
 13 industry;
- 14 (vi) A representative of the Arkansas Foundation for
 15 Medical Care, Inc.;
- 16 (vii) A representative of the Arkansas Hospital
 17 Association, Inc.;
- 18 (viii) A representative of the Arkansas Medical
 19 Society, Inc.;
- 20 (ix) A representative of the Arkansas Minority
 21 Health Commission;
- 22 (x) A representative of the Arkansas Nurses
 23 Association;
- 24 (xi) A representative of the Division of Science and
 25 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission;
- 26 (xii) A representative of the Arkansas Pharmacists
 27 Association;
- 28 (xiii) A representative of the business community;
- 29 (xiv) A representative of the Community Health
 30 Centers of Arkansas, Inc.;
- 31 (xv) A representative of the University of Arkansas
 32 for Medical Sciences;
- 33 (xvi) A representative of the Arkansas Health Care
 34 Association; and
- 35 (xvii) Two (2) healthcare consumers.

36 (b) The Chair of the Health Information Exchange Council shall be

1 elected by the members of the council.

2 (c) All members will serve until the operational responsibility and
3 authority for the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange is transferred
4 to a nonprofit corporation.

5 (d)(1) The State Health Alliance for Records Exchange is not a
6 healthcare provider and is not subject to claims under § 16-114-201 et seq.

7 (2) A person who participates in or subscribes to the services
8 or information provided by the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange
9 shall not be liable in any action for damages or cost of any nature that
10 results solely from the person's use or failure to use the State Health
11 Alliance for Records Exchange information or data that was imputed or
12 retrieved under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
13 1996, as it existed on January 1, 2011, and regulations adopted under the
14 act, state confidentiality laws and the rules of the State Health Alliance
15 for Records Exchange as approved by the Office of Health Information
16 Technology or the governing body of the nonprofit corporation.

17 (3) A person shall not be subject to antitrust or unfair
18 competition liability based on membership or participation in the State
19 Health Alliance for Records Exchange, which provides an essential
20 governmental function for the public health and safety and enjoys state
21 sovereign immunity.

22 (e) A person who provides information and data to the State Health
23 Alliance for Records Exchange retains a property right in the information or
24 data but grants to the other participants or subscribers a nonexclusive
25 license to retrieve and use that information or data under the Health
26 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as it existed on
27 January 1, 2011, and any amendments and regulations adopted under the act,
28 state confidentiality laws, and the rules of the State Health Alliance for
29 Records Exchange.

30 (f) All processes or software developed, designed, or purchased by the
31 State Health Alliance for Records Exchange shall remain the property of the
32 State Health Alliance for Records Exchange subject to use by participants or
33 subscribers under the rules of the State Health Alliance for Records
34 Exchange.

35 (g) Patient-specific protected health information shall be disclosed
36 only in accordance with the patient's authorization or in compliance with

1 state confidentiality laws and the Health Insurance Portability and
2 Accountability Act of 1996, as it existed on January 1, 2011, and regulations
3 under the act.

4 (h) Executive branch agencies, including state boards, commissions,
5 nonprofit corporations, and institutions of higher education, that implement,
6 acquire, or upgrade health information technology systems shall use health
7 information technology systems and products that meet minimum standards
8 adopted by the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange.

9 (i) All identified or deidentified health information contained in,
10 stored in, submitted to, transferred by, or released from the State Health
11 Alliance for Records Exchange is not disclosable under applicable state or
12 federal law except to:

13 (1) A healthcare provider; or

14 (2) Other authorized person or entity as described by policies
15 and rules promulgated by the State Board of Health or the State Alliance for
16 Records Exchange.

17 (j)(1) Upon the transfer to a nonprofit corporation, the State Health
18 Alliance for Records Exchange shall be governed under the bylaws and
19 incorporation documents of the corporation.

20 (2) The bylaws and incorporation documents of the corporation
21 shall further only the objectives and policies set forth in §§ 25-43-809 -
22 25-43-812.

23
24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 4-97-103(2), concerning the definition of
25 "authorized person" under the Arkansas Retail Pet Store Consumer Protection
26 Act of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

27 (2) "Authorized person" means the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
28 Department of Health or his or her delegate, or any law enforcement officer;

29
30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-64-101(3)(B)(i), concerning the
31 definition of "anabolic steroid" under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,
32 is amended to read as follows:

33 (B)(i) "Anabolic steroid" does not include an anabolic
34 steroid that is expressly intended for administration through an implant to
35 cattle or another nonhuman species and that has been approved by the ~~Director~~
36 Secretary of the Department of Health for such administration.

1
2 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-64-201 is amended to read as follows:
3 5-64-201. ~~Director's~~ Secretary's duties.

4 (a)(1)(A)(i) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
5 administer this chapter and may add a substance to or delete or reschedule
6 any substance enumerated in a schedule under the procedures of the Arkansas
7 Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

8 (ii) The ~~director~~ secretary may promulgate without
9 action or approval of the State Board of Health an emergency rule under the
10 procedures of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.,
11 that adds a substance to or deletes a substance from a schedule or
12 reschedules a substance.

13 (iii) If the ~~director~~ secretary adds, deletes, or
14 reschedules a substance through an emergency rule under the procedures of the
15 Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., the emergency
16 rule may be effective for no longer than one hundred eighty (180) days.

17 (B) However, the ~~director~~ secretary shall not delete any
18 substance from a schedule in effect on July 20, 1979, without prior approval
19 by the Legislative Council.

20 (2) In making a determination regarding a substance, the
21 ~~director~~ secretary shall consider the following:

- 22 (A) The actual or relative potential for abuse;
23 (B) The scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect,
24 if known;
25 (C) The state of current scientific knowledge regarding
26 the substance;
27 (D) The history and current pattern of abuse;
28 (E) The scope, duration, and significance of abuse;
29 (F) The risk to public health;
30 (G) The potential of the substance to produce psychic or
31 physiological dependence liability; and
32 (H) Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a
33 substance already controlled under this subchapter.

34 (b) After considering the factors enumerated in subsection (a) of this
35 section, the ~~director~~ secretary shall make findings with respect to the
36 factors and issue a rule controlling the substance if he or she finds the

1 substance has a potential for abuse.

2 (c) If the ~~director~~ secretary designates a substance as an immediate
3 precursor, a substance that is a precursor of the controlled precursor is not
4 subject to control solely because it is a precursor of the controlled
5 precursor.

6 (d)(1) If any substance is designated as a controlled substance under
7 federal law and notice of the designation is given to the ~~director~~ secretary,
8 the ~~director~~ secretary shall similarly control the substance under this
9 chapter after the expiration of thirty (30) days from publication in the
10 Federal Register of a final order designating a substance as a controlled
11 substance unless within that thirty-day period the ~~director~~ secretary objects
12 to inclusion.

13 (2)(A) If the ~~director~~ secretary objects to inclusion, the
14 ~~director~~ secretary shall publish the reasons for objection and afford any
15 interested party an opportunity to be heard.

16 (B) At the conclusion of the hearing, the ~~director~~
17 secretary shall publish his or her decision.

18 (C) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the ~~director~~
19 secretary is entitled to judicial review in the Pulaski County Circuit Court.

20 (3) Upon publication of objection to inclusion under this
21 chapter by the ~~director~~ secretary, control under this chapter is stayed until
22 the ~~director~~ secretary publishes his or her decision or, if judicial review
23 is sought, the inclusion is stayed until adjudication of the judicial review.

24 (4) If notice has been given to the ~~director~~ secretary that the
25 United States Food and Drug Administration has designated, rescheduled, or
26 descheduled a marijuana-derived substance under federal law and approved for
27 marketing the marijuana-derived substance as a prescription medication, the
28 ~~director~~ secretary shall consider the designation, rescheduling, or
29 descheduling of the marijuana-derived substance under this chapter.

30 (e) Authority to control under this section does not extend to
31 distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, or tobacco.

32 (f) The ~~director~~ secretary shall schedule gamma-hydroxybutyrate and
33 its known precursors and analogs in a manner consistent with the procedures
34 outlined in this section.

35
36 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-64-203 is amended to read as follows:

1 5-64-203. Criteria for Schedule I.

2 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall place a
3 substance in Schedule I if he or she finds that the substance has:

4 (1) High potential for abuse; and

5 (2) No accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or
6 lacks accepted safety for use in treatment under medical supervision.

7
8 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 5-64-204 is amended to read as follows:

9 5-64-204. Substances in Schedule I.

10 (a) In addition to any substance placed in Schedule I by the ~~Director~~
11 Secretary of the Department of Health under § 5-64-203, any material,
12 compound, mixture, or preparation, whether produced directly or indirectly
13 from a substance of vegetable origin or independently by means of chemical
14 synthesis or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, that
15 contains any quantity of the following substances, or that contains any of
16 the following substances' analogs, salts, isomers, and salts of isomers when
17 the existence of the analogs, salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is
18 possible within the specific chemical designation, with the following
19 chemical structure is included in Schedule I:

20 (1) 4-Methylmethcathinone (Mephedrone);

21 (2) Methylenedioxypropylone (MDPV);

22 (3) 3,4-Methylenedioxy-N-methylcathinone (Methylone);

23 (4) 4-Methoxymethcathinone;

24 (5) 3-Fluoromethcathinone;

25 (6) 4-Fluoromethcathinone; or

26 (7) A compound, unless listed in another schedule or a legend
27 drug, that is structurally derived from 2-Amino-1-phenyl-1-propanone by
28 modification or by substitution:

29 (A) In the phenyl ring to any extent with alkyl, alkoxy,
30 alkylenedioxy, haloalkyl or halide substituents, whether or not further
31 substituted in the phenyl ring by one (1) or more other univalent
32 substituents;

33 (B) At the 3-position with an alkyl substituent; or

34 (C) At the nitrogen atom with alkyl or dialkyl groups, or
35 by inclusion of the nitrogen atom in a cyclic structure.

36 (b) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall not

1 delete a controlled substance listed in this section from Schedule I.

2
3 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 5-64-205 is amended to read as follows:
4 5-64-205. Criteria for Schedule II.

5 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall place a
6 substance in Schedule II if he or she finds that:

- 7 (1) The substance has high potential for abuse;
8 (2) The substance has currently accepted medical use in
9 treatment in the United States or currently accepted medical use with severe
10 restrictions; and
11 (3) The abuse of the substance may lead to severe psychic or
12 physical dependence.

13
14 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 5-64-207 is amended to read as follows:
15 5-64-207. Criteria for Schedule III.

16 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall place a
17 substance in Schedule III if he or she finds that:

- 18 (1) The substance has a potential for abuse less than the
19 substances listed in Schedules I and II;
20 (2) The substance has currently accepted medical use in
21 treatment in the United States; and
22 (3) Abuse of the substance may lead to moderate or low physical
23 dependence or high psychological dependence.

24
25 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 5-64-209 is amended to read as follows:
26 5-64-209. Criteria for Schedule IV.

27 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall place a
28 substance in Schedule IV if he or she finds that:

- 29 (1) The substance has a low potential for abuse relative to
30 substances in Schedule III;
31 (2) The substance has currently accepted medical use in
32 treatment in the United States; and
33 (3) Abuse of the substance may lead to limited physical
34 dependence or psychological dependence relative to the substances in Schedule
35 III.

1 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 5-64-211 is amended to read as follows:
 2 5-64-211. Criteria for Schedule V.

3 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall place a
 4 substance in Schedule V if he or she finds that:

5 (1) The substance has low potential for abuse relative to the
 6 controlled substances listed in Schedule IV;

7 (2) The substance has currently accepted medical use in
 8 treatment in the United States; and

9 (3) The substance has limited physical dependence or
 10 psychological dependence liability relative to the controlled substances
 11 listed in Schedule IV.
 12

13 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 5-64-212(a), concerning substances in
 14 Schedule V under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, is amended to read as
 15 follows:

16 (a) An ephedrine combination product, pseudoephedrine, and
 17 phenylpropanolamine, as defined in § 5-64-1105, are designated Schedule V
 18 controlled substances in addition to the drugs and other substances listed in
 19 Schedule V of the List of Controlled Substances for the State of Arkansas
 20 promulgated by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.
 21

22 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 5-64-212(c), concerning substances in
 23 Schedule V under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, is amended to read as
 24 follows:

25 (c) The ~~director~~ secretary may reschedule a product described in
 26 subdivision (b)(1) or subdivision (b)(2) of this section if it is determined
 27 that the conversion of the active ingredient in the product into
 28 methamphetamine or its salts or precursors is feasible.
 29

30 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 5-64-214 is amended to read as follows:
 31 5-64-214. Criteria for Schedule VI.

32 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall place a
 33 substance in Schedule VI if he or she finds that:

34 (1) The substance is not currently accepted for medical use in
 35 treatment in the United States;

36 (2) There is lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or

1 other substance even under direct medical supervision;

2 (3) The substance has relatively high psychological or
3 physiological dependence liability, or both; and

4 (4) Use of the substance presents a definite risk to public
5 health.

6
7 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 5-64-215(a), the introductory language
8 concerning the substances in Schedule VI under the Uniform Controlled
9 Substances Act, is amended to read as follows:

10 (a) In addition to any substance placed in Schedule VI by the ~~Director~~
11 Secretary of the Department of Health under § 5-64-214, any material,
12 compound, mixture, or preparation, whether produced directly or indirectly
13 from a substance of vegetable origin or independently by means of chemical
14 synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, that
15 contains any quantity of the following substances, or that contains any of
16 their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers when the existence of the salts,
17 isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical
18 designation, is included in Schedule VI:

19
20 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 5-64-215(b), concerning the substances in
21 Schedule VI under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (b) However, the ~~director~~ secretary shall not delete a controlled
24 substance listed in this section from Schedule VI.

25
26 SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 5-64-216 is amended to read as follows:

27 5-64-216. Schedule revisions.

28 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall revise and
29 republish the schedules annually.

30
31 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 5-64-414(c), concerning the controlled
32 substance analog under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 (c) Within ten (10) days after the initiation of prosecution with
35 respect to a controlled substance analog by indictment or information, the
36 prosecuting attorney shall notify the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of

1 Health of information relevant to emergency scheduling as provided for in §
2 5-64-201(d).

3
4 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 5-64-415(i)(5), concerning drug precursors
5 under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, is amended to read as follows:

6 (5) The Department of Health may authorize a manufacturer,
7 wholesaler, retailer, or other person to submit a comprehensive monthly
8 report instead of the report required by subdivision (i)(2)(A) of this
9 section if the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health determines
10 that:

11 (A) There is a pattern of regular supply and purchase of
12 the drug precursor between the furnisher and the recipient; or

13 (B) The recipient has established a record of utilization
14 of the drug precursor solely for a lawful purpose.

15
16 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 5-64-501 is amended to read as follows:

17 5-64-501. Powers of officials generally.

18 Any law enforcement officer, any person authorized to enforce this
19 chapter, or any employee of the Department of Health designated by the
20 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health to conduct an examination,
21 investigation, or inspection under this chapter relating to a controlled
22 substance or to a counterfeit drug may:

23 (1) Carry a firearm in the performance of his or her official
24 duties;

25 (2) Execute and serve a search warrant, arrest warrant,
26 administrative inspection warrant, subpoena, or summons issued under the
27 authority of this state;

28 (3) Make an arrest without warrant for any offense under this
29 chapter committed in his or her presence, or if he or she has probable cause
30 to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a violation of this
31 chapter that may constitute a felony;

32 (4) Make a seizure of property pursuant to this chapter; or

33 (5) Perform any other law enforcement duty as the ~~director~~
34 secretary designates.

35
36 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 5-64-504(a)(1), concerning

1 intergovernmental cooperation and the identities of patients and research
2 subjects, is amended to read as follows:

3 (a)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
4 cooperate with federal and any other state agency in discharging the agency's
5 responsibilities concerning traffic in controlled substances and in
6 suppressing the abuse of controlled substances.

7
8 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 5-64-507(a), concerning the conclusiveness
9 of findings by the Department of Health, is amended to read as follows:

10 (a) Any final determination, finding, or conclusion of the ~~Director~~
11 Secretary of the Department of Health under this chapter is a final and
12 conclusive decision of the matter involved.

13
14 SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 5-64-508(d)(1), concerning educational and
15 research programs designed to prevent and deter misuse and abuse of
16 controlled substances, is amended to read as follows:

17 (d)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may
18 authorize a person engaged in research on the use and effects of a controlled
19 substance to withhold the names and other identifying characteristics of
20 individuals who are the subjects of the research.

21
22 SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 5-64-508(e)(1), concerning educational and
23 research programs designed to prevent and deter misuse and abuse of
24 controlled substances, is amended to read as follows:

25 (e)(1) The ~~director~~ secretary may authorize the possession and
26 distribution of a controlled substance by a person engaged in research.

27
28 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 5-64-703 is amended to read as follows:

29 5-64-703. Authority to make inspections.

30 In carrying out the functions under this chapter, the ~~Director~~
31 Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her duly authorized agent may
32 enter a controlled premises and conduct an administrative inspection of the
33 controlled premises.

34
35 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 5-64-1003 is amended to read as follows:

36 5-64-1003. Inspection of records.

1 A record maintained pursuant to this subchapter is subject to
 2 inspection by any law enforcement officer of this state or any employee of
 3 the Department of Health designated by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
 4 Department of Health to conduct an examination, investigation, or inspection
 5 under this chapter relating to a controlled substance, counterfeit drug, or
 6 precursor chemical.

7
 8 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 6-18-709(a)(2), concerning the Public
 9 School Health Services Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

10 (2) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
 11 appoint:

- 12 (A) One (1) member to represent the Department of Health;
- 13 (B) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas State Board
 14 of Nursing;
- 15 (C) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Center for
 16 Health Improvement;
- 17 (D) One (1) member to represent the Child and Adolescent
 18 Health Section of the Department of Health; and
- 19 (E) One (1) member to represent the Office of Minority
 20 Health and Health Disparities of the Department of Health.

21
 22 SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 6-81-1202(a)(4), concerning the Graduate
 23 Nurse Educator Loan and Scholarship Board, is amended to read as follows:

24 (4) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or the
 25 ~~director's secretary's~~ secretary's designee; and

26
 27 SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 8-4-104(b)(2)(A), concerning the members
 28 of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, is amended to read
 29 as follows:

30 (A) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or
 31 his or her designee; and

32
 33 SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 8-5-702(d), concerning remedies for
 34 chronic violations by sewage systems, is amended to read as follows:

35 (d)(1) If the circuit court determines that the permitted or
 36 registered entity cannot equitably satisfy the provisions of this subchapter

1 or that no feasible alternatives exist, the circuit court shall so certify
2 that determination to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, which
3 shall terminate the entity's permit, and the circuit court shall request a
4 review by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health of the public
5 health impact of an order compelling the entity supplying potable water to
6 the common sewage system to cut off the flow of potable water.

7 (2)(A) If the ~~Director of the Department of Health~~ secretary
8 determines that a greater health hazard exists from the malfunctioning common
9 sewage system than from the discontinuance of potable water service, then the
10 ~~Director of the Department of Health~~ secretary shall so certify this
11 determination to the circuit court.

12 (B) The circuit court shall then issue an order compelling
13 the receiver to notify all users of such common sewage system, including
14 landowners and tenants, of the ~~Director of the Department of Health's~~
15 secretary's determination.

16 (C) Upon evidence of reasonable notice, the circuit court
17 shall then issue the order to cut off the flow of potable water.

18
19 SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 9-28-301(e), concerning inspections,
20 timing, reports, and audits of facilities operated by or under contract with
21 the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (e)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
24 present a list of findings of the random health inspections to the House
25 Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and
26 the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth within one (1) month after
27 completing the random health inspections.

28 (2)(A) In the event the General Assembly is in session, the
29 ~~Director of the Department of Health~~ secretary shall provide the report to
30 the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military
31 Affairs and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Children and Youth.

32 (B) The complete report, including, but not limited to,
33 statistics shall be made available to the public.

34
35 SECTION 31. Arkansas Code Title 11, Chapter 5, Subchapter 2, is
36 repealed.

1 ~~Subchapter 2 — Industrial Health Service Act~~

2
3 ~~11-5-201. Title.~~

4 ~~This subchapter shall be cited as the “Industrial Health Service Act of~~
5 ~~1947”.~~

6
7 ~~11-5-202. Exception.~~

8 ~~Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as applying to the coal~~
9 ~~mining industry.~~

10
11 ~~11-5-203. Penalty.~~

12 ~~(a)(1) Any person, firm, or corporation who shall neglect or refuse to~~
13 ~~comply with the provisions of this subchapter shall be guilty of a~~
14 ~~misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than~~
15 ~~ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each~~
16 ~~offense.~~

17 ~~(2) Each day any employer neglects or refuses to comply with the~~
18 ~~provisions of this subchapter shall constitute a separate offense.~~

19 ~~(b) It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney to prosecute~~
20 ~~violations of this subchapter.~~

21
22 ~~11-5-204. Division of Industrial Hygiene — Creation — Duties.~~

23 ~~(a) The Division of Industrial Hygiene is established as one of the~~
24 ~~offices over which the State Board of Health maintains supervision.~~

25 ~~(b) The division shall investigate places of employment and study~~
26 ~~those conditions which might be responsible for ill health of the industrial~~
27 ~~worker.~~

28
29 ~~11-5-205. State Board of Health — Rules and regulations.~~

30 ~~It shall be the duty of the State Board of Health to adopt rules and~~
31 ~~regulations pertaining to the control of industrial health hazards, including~~
32 ~~and concerning the maximum allowable limits of materials, ventilation~~
33 ~~requirements, water supplies, excreta disposal facilities, washing and shower~~
34 ~~facilities, and other matters pertaining to the maintenance of the health of~~
35 ~~the worker.~~

36

1 ~~11-5-206. Director of Department of Health—Access to certain~~
 2 ~~buildings.~~

3 ~~The Director of the Department of Health or his or her duly authorized~~
 4 ~~deputy shall have access to any firm, corporation, industry, or manufacturing~~
 5 ~~plant for the proper discharge of his or her official duties.~~

6
 7 ~~11-5-207. Use of injurious material, process, or condition prohibited.~~

8 ~~(a) It shall be a violation of this subchapter for any employer to use~~
 9 ~~or permit to be used in the conduct of his or her business, manufacturing~~
 10 ~~establishment, or other place of employment any material, process, or~~
 11 ~~condition known to have an adverse effect on health.~~

12 ~~(b) However, that material, process, or condition may be used when it~~
 13 ~~is operated, handled, or used in such a manner that injury to the health of~~
 14 ~~the worker will not occur.~~

15 ~~(c) It shall be the duty of the Division of Industrial Hygiene to~~
 16 ~~evaluate and determine whether the material, process, or condition is being~~
 17 ~~operated, handled, or used in such a manner that injury to the health of the~~
 18 ~~worker will not occur.~~

19
 20 ~~11-5-208. Use of information from studies or investigations.~~

21 ~~(a) Information obtained from studies or upon investigations made in~~
 22 ~~accordance with the provisions of this subchapter shall not be admissible as~~
 23 ~~evidence in any action at law to recover damages for personal injury or in~~
 24 ~~any action under the Workers' Compensation Law, § 11-9-101 et seq.~~

25 ~~(b) By mutual agreement between the Division of Industrial Hygiene and~~
 26 ~~those charged with the administration of the Workers' Compensation Law, § 11-~~
 27 ~~9-101 et seq., studies at the request of the latter may be instituted in~~
 28 ~~industries, and the results of these studies may be reported to the~~
 29 ~~administrators.~~

30
 31 SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 14-15-307(a)(2)(G), concerning the
 32 Coroner's Advisory Task Force creation, powers, and duties, is amended to
 33 read as follows:

34 (G) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or
 35 his or her designee; and

1 SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 14-229-101(b)(8), concerning the
2 Individual Sewage Disposal Systems Advisory Committee, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (8) Three (3) members involved with the individual sewage
5 disposal systems program of the Department of Health, to be appointed by the
6 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health;

7
8 SECTION 34. Arkansas Code § 14-229-101(e)(3), concerning the
9 Individual Sewage Disposal Systems Advisory Committee, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 (3) The advisory committee shall meet upon call by the chair, at
12 the request of any five (5) members of the committee stated in writing, at
13 the request of the Director of the Division of Environmental Health
14 Protection of the Department of Health, or upon call by the ~~Director~~
15 Secretary of the Department of Health.

16
17 SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 14-229-102(1), concerning the Individual
18 Sewage Disposal Systems Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

19 (1) To advise with and make recommendations to the ~~Director~~
20 Secretary of the Department of Health and the Director of the Division of
21 Environmental Health Protection of the Department of Health, concerning the
22 utilization and application of alternate and experimental individual sewage
23 disposal systems;

24
25 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code § 14-262-119 is amended to read as follows:

26 14-262-119. County Organization of State Aid Fund.

27 (a)(1) In addition to any and all other appropriations made for the
28 State Board of Health, there may be made an appropriation which shall be
29 known as the County Organization of State Aid Fund, which shall be expended
30 exclusively for this purpose.

31 (2) The fund shall be available to any county whenever the
32 county shall make an appropriation of an adequate sum of money, to be
33 approved by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health, necessary to
34 do effective work.

35 (3) All counties which shall be found organized for this work on
36 July 1 of each year shall receive priority in the allocation of funds.

1 (b)(1) Before any county shall receive state aid under the provisions
2 of this section, a cooperative budget shall be prepared by the county judge,
3 the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health, and any other agency
4 which may be contributing and shall be signed by each.

5 (2) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
6 draw vouchers against the State Aid Fund, as provided in the cooperative
7 budget, in the usual manner.

8
9 SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 17-27-406(e), concerning the powers and
10 duties of the State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
11 Counselors, is amended to read as follows:

12 (e) The ~~board~~ Department of Health may employ any persons it deems
13 necessary to carry on the work of the board and the department shall define
14 their duties and fix their compensation within the limits prescribed by law.

15
16 SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 17-43-203(d), concerning the duties and
17 powers of the Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians, is repealed.

18 ~~(d) The board may employ and fix the compensation of assistants,~~
19 ~~clerks, stenographers, typists, and other employees to serve at the pleasure~~
20 ~~of the board, and acquire office space, furniture, supplies, equipment, and~~
21 ~~other proper conveniences reasonably necessary for the performance of their~~
22 ~~duties under this chapter.~~

23
24 SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 17-43-204(b), concerning the disposition
25 of funds by the Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (b) The board shall make a report annually to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary
28 of the Department of Health, showing all receipts and disbursements of moneys
29 and a summary of all business transacted during the year.

30
31 SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 17-43-207(a)(1), concerning the transfer
32 of the Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians, is amended to read as follows:

33 (a)(1) Effective July 1, 2013, the Arkansas State Board of Sanitarians
34 is transferred to the Department of Health and shall be administered by the
35 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.

36

1 SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 17-51-104(g), concerning the creation of
2 the Drinking Water Advisory and Operator Licensing Committee, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (g) The member of the committee who is a member of the staff of the
5 Engineering Section of the Department of Health shall serve at the pleasure
6 of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.

7
8 SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 17-80-101(c), concerning the filing and
9 compilation of licensing information of the Arkansas State Board of
10 Chiropractic Examiners, is amended to read as follows:

11 (c) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall report
12 the deaths of all persons licensed by the boards named in subsection (a) of
13 this section to the Secretary of State within a reasonable time after the
14 information has been received in his or her office. The Secretary of State
15 shall thereupon note after the name of the decedent the fact of his or her
16 death and the date thereof.

17
18 SECTION 43. Arkansas Code § 17-81-204(a), concerning the organization
19 and meetings of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (a) The ~~Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners~~ Department of
22 Health shall maintain and operate an office for the administration of ~~its~~ the
23 business of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

24
25 SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 17-81-205 is amended to read as follows:
26 17-81-205. Minutes – Records.

27 (a) The ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic
28 Examiners shall keep a record of the minutes of the meetings of the board and
29 a record of the names of all persons making application for license under the
30 provisions of this chapter together with a record of the action of the board
31 thereon.

32 (b) The ~~executive~~ director shall also keep a roll of the names of all
33 licensed and deceased chiropractors who have been licensed to practice in the
34 State of Arkansas.

35 (c) The record shall at all reasonable times be open for public
36 inspection.

1
2 SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 17-81-206(a)(1), concerning the duties of
3 the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners is empowered
6 to incur whatever expenses ~~it~~ the board may deem necessary or expedient in
7 performing its functions. ~~It may employ whatever assistants it may deem~~
8 ~~necessary or expedient therefor and fix their compensation.~~

9
10 SECTION 46. Arkansas Code § 17-81-206(b)(8), concerning the powers and
11 duties of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (8) Employ ~~such persons~~ a Director of the Arkansas State Board of
14 Chiropractic Examiners, upon the approval of the Secretary of the Department
15 of Health, as may be necessary to carry out the work of the board, who shall
16 have their duties and compensation prescribed by the board within
17 appropriations for that purpose;

18
19 SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 17-81-207 is amended to read as follows:
20 17-81-207. ~~Executive director~~ Director.

21 (a) Pursuant to its authority set forth in § 17-81-206(b)(8), the
22 Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners may employ ~~an executive~~
23 ~~director~~ a Director of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners ~~to~~
24 ~~maintain and operate its office pursuant to its directions.~~

25 (b)(1) The ~~Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of~~
26 ~~Chiropractic Examiners~~ director in consultation with and review of the
27 Treasurer of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall collect
28 all fees and fines on behalf of the ~~board~~ Arkansas State Board of
29 Chiropractic Examiners and submit all payment requests on behalf of the board
30 for its state appropriations.

31 (2) The ~~executive~~ director shall give in writing at the annual
32 meeting of the board a fully itemized report of his or her receipts and
33 disbursements for the preceding year showing the amount of money on hand and
34 shall submit reports for inspection at other times as may be requested by the
35 board or by any of its members.

36 (3) Copies of the annual reports, actions of the board, and

1 number licensed for the year, certified by the Secretary of the Arkansas
2 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners of the board, shall be submitted by the
3 ~~executive~~ director to the various chiropractic professional organizations in
4 Arkansas and the Secretary of the Department of Health.

5
6 SECTION 48. Arkansas Code § 17-81-208(a), concerning the disposition
7 of the funds of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) All fees and fines authorized by this chapter are the property of
10 the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners and shall be paid to the
11 office of the ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic
12 Examiners who shall collect and dispose of such funds on behalf of the board
13 as provided in this chapter. Any surplus in the treasury of the board at the
14 end of the fiscal year shall remain in the treasury and may be expended in
15 succeeding years for the purposes herein set out.

16
17 SECTION 49. Arkansas Code § 17-81-304(a)(1)(A), concerning the
18 application and fee for a license to practice chiropractic in the State of
19 Arkansas, is amended to read as follows:

20 (a)(1)(A) Applications for a license to practice chiropractic in the
21 State of Arkansas shall be made to the ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas
22 State Board of Chiropractic Examiners in writing on forms furnished by the
23 Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

24
25 SECTION 50. Arkansas Code § 17-82-209 is amended to read as follows:
26 17-82-209. Expenses – Compensation of members and employees.

27 (a) The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners is empowered to incur
28 whatever expenses ~~it~~ the board may deem necessary or expedient in performing
29 its function.

30 (b) ~~It may employ whatever assistants it may deem necessary or~~
31 ~~expedient therefor and fix their compensation.~~

32 (c) Each member of the board may receive expense reimbursement and
33 stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

34 (d) The board shall fix the salary of the Secretary-treasurer of
35 the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners.

36 (e) All of the disbursements provided for in this section shall be

1 made out of the fees and fines collected by the board.

2
3 SECTION 51. Arkansas Code § 17-82-210(b), concerning annual reports of
4 the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners, is amended to read as follows:

5 (b) The report shall be filed with the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the
6 Department of Health not later than September 1 of each year, and a copy
7 thereof, certified by the President and Secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas
8 State Board of Dental Examiners, shall be filed at the same time with the
9 Secretary of the Arkansas State Dental Association.

10
11 SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 17-83-202 is amended to read as follows:
12 17-83-202. Organization and meetings —~~Personnel~~.

13 (a)(1) At least two (2) regular meetings of the Arkansas Dietetics
14 Licensing Board shall be held each calendar year, and at the first regular
15 meeting every two (2) years, the board shall elect a chair and vice chair.
16 Other regular meetings may be held at such time as the rules of the board may
17 provide.

18 (2) Special called meetings may be held at the discretion of the
19 Chair of the Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board or at the written request of
20 any three (3) members of the board.

21 (3) Reasonable notice of all meetings shall be given in the
22 manner prescribed by the laws of this state.

23 (4) A quorum of the board shall consist of four (4) members.

24 (5) A secretary of the board shall be ~~elected by the board and~~
25 ~~shall hold office at the pleasure of the board~~ employed by the Department of
26 Health.

27 (6) The board shall adopt a seal, which must be affixed to all
28 certificates issued by the board.

29 (b) ~~The board shall employ necessary~~ Department of Health shall employ
30 personnel for the performance of its the board's functions and fix the
31 ~~compensation thereof within the limits of funds available to the board~~ the
32 board may disburse funds to the Department of Health to employ necessary
33 personnel for the performance of the board's functions.

34
35 SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 17-84-202(c), concerning the organization
36 and proceedings of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (c) The board shall keep a record of all of its proceedings and
3 transactions and shall annually make a report to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of
4 the Department of Health showing all receipts and disbursements and a summary
5 of all business transacted during the year.

6

7 SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 17-84-203(7), concerning the powers and
8 duties of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is repealed.

9 ~~(7) To employ and retain the services of attorneys, accountants,~~
10 ~~and other necessary assistants in carrying out the provisions of this~~
11 ~~chapter;~~

12

13 SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 17-84-203(10), concerning the powers and
14 duties of the Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (10)(A) To ~~employ~~ request the use of Department of Health
17 investigators, issue subpoenas, and perform all activities necessary to
18 effectively investigate claims and pursue disciplinary action against
19 licensees.

20 (B) The board may inspect or may authorize the Department
21 of Health investigators to inspect an established place of business during
22 regular hours of operation; and

23

24 SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 17-87-202(c) and (d), concerning the
25 organization and proceedings of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, are
26 amended to read as follows:

27 (c) The ~~board~~ Department of Health shall maintain an office for the
28 administration of ~~its~~ the board's business.

29 (d) The board shall annually elect a president, vice president,
30 secretary, and treasurer from among its members. The president shall be a
31 registered nurse.

32 ~~(d)(e)~~ The ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing
33 shall be a registered nurse and meet the qualifications required by the
34 board.

35

36 SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 17-87-203(4) and (5), concerning the

1 powers and duties of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, are amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (4) Make an annual report to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the
4 Department of Health;

5 (5) Employ ~~personnel~~ a Director of the Arkansas State Board of
6 Nursing, with the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Health, if
7 the board determines it necessary for carrying out its functions;

8
9 SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 17-89-202(c), concerning meetings and
10 officers of the Arkansas Board of Dispensing Opticians, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 (c)(1) The Secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Board of Dispensing
13 Opticians shall perform those administrative duties assigned him or her by
14 the board and shall execute a bond for the state in a sum to be fixed by the
15 board conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his or her
16 office.

17 (2) The board shall outline the duties of the secretary-
18 treasurer and fix his or her compensation, upon approval by the Secretary of
19 the Department of Health, per diem, mileage, and other expense moneys in
20 accordance with applicable Arkansas laws and regulations.

21
22 SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 17-90-202(c), concerning the appointment
23 of members of the State Board of Optometry, is amended to read as follows:

24 (c) The Secretary-treasurer of the State Board of Optometry shall
25 receive such additional salary as may be fixed by the board, and approved by
26 the Secretary of the Department of Health.

27
28 SECTION 60. Arkansas Code § 17-90-203(c), concerning meetings,
29 officers, and records of the State Board of Optometry, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (c) The board shall make a report annually to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary
32 of the Department of Health showing all receipts and disbursements of moneys
33 and a summary of all business transacted during the year.

34
35 SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 17-90-204(4), concerning the powers and
36 duties of the State Board of Optometry, is repealed.

1 ~~(4) To employ or retain the services of attorneys and other~~
2 ~~necessary assistants in carrying out the provisions of this chapter;~~

3
4 SECTION 62. Arkansas Code § 17-90-205(b)(2), concerning the
5 disposition of funds and the Secretary-treasurer of the State Board of
6 Optometry's bond, is amended to read as follows:

7 (2) The secretary-treasurer shall keep a true and faithful
8 account of all moneys received and all moneys expended and shall file
9 annually with the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the Department of Health a report of
10 all financial transactions duly audited by an independent accountant.

11
12 SECTION 63. Arkansas Code § 17-92-205(b), concerning the rules and
13 regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 (b) It shall be the duty of the board, through officials appointed by
16 ~~it or under its supervision~~ the Department of Health for that purpose, to
17 enforce all the provisions of this chapter.

18
19 SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 17-92-205(c)(1), concerning the rules and
20 regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 (c)(1) Upon written authorization by the board, the ~~board's~~ Department
23 of Health's inspectors or other designated agents shall have authority to
24 conduct oversight activities authorized by law, including, but not limited
25 to, audits, investigations, inspections, licensure, or disciplinary actions,
26 civil, administrative, or criminal proceedings or actions, or other
27 activities necessary for appropriate oversight of the regulated activities
28 and may enter any store, business establishment, including any hospital
29 pharmacy, or any other facility holding a license, permit, or other authority
30 issued by the board where drugs, medicines, chemicals, pharmaceuticals,
31 poisons, home medical equipment, or services or other objects, services, or
32 activities regulated by the board are manufactured, sold, dispensed, or
33 conducted to enforce this chapter, the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, §§
34 5-64-101 – 5-64-510, § 5-64-1001 et seq., § 5-64-1101 et seq., the Food,
35 Drug, and Cosmetic Act, § 20-56-201 et seq., or § 20-64-501 et seq.

36

1 SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 17-92-205(c)(2)(A), concerning the rules
2 and regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (2)(A) Upon written authorization by the board, the ~~board's~~
5 Department of Health's inspectors and other designated agents may obtain
6 copies of any document, prescription, drug order, or other record or physical
7 object relevant to the board's oversight of the regulated activity.

8
9 SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 17-92-205(c)(2)(B)(i), concerning the
10 rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (B)(i) With regard to hospital pharmacies, the ~~board's~~
13 Department of Health's inspectors and other designated agents may also view
14 and at the board's expense make copies of identifiable records relating to
15 patients in patient areas of the hospital if the records are relevant to an
16 activity regulated by the board.

17
18 SECTION 67. Arkansas Code § 17-92-205(c)(6), concerning the rules and
19 regulations of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 (6) The ~~board's~~ Department of Health's inspectors and other
22 designated agents may seize products for testing of sterility, potency, and
23 pyrogenicity when inspecting permitted facilities.

24
25 SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 17-92-206(b), concerning the issuance of
26 bulletins and the annual report of the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 (b) The board shall make a written report on September 1 of each year
29 to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the Department of Health and to the Arkansas
30 Pharmacists Association of all its proceedings, orders, rules, requirements,
31 and regulations, of its receipts and disbursements, including also the names
32 of all persons licensed to practice under this chapter, and a record of
33 permits and renewals.

34
35 SECTION 69. Arkansas Code § 17-92-207 is repealed.

36 ~~17-92-207. Maintenance of office.~~

1 ~~The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy shall have the authority to~~
 2 ~~maintain an office, purchase supplies, etc., for the advancement of pharmacy~~
 3 ~~as may in its judgment be deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this~~
 4 ~~chapter and to enforce the pharmacy laws of this state.~~

5
 6 SECTION 70. Arkansas Code § 17-92-208 is amended to read as follows:

7 17-92-208. ~~Authority~~ Authorization for payment to the Department of
 8 Health.

9 (a) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy ~~is authorized to~~ may make
 10 payment to the Department of Health for services, salaries, and other
 11 purposes from the funds received by the board from issuance of licensed
 12 pharmacy permits, renewals, or certificates of licensure of licensed
 13 pharmacists, examinations, reciprocity fees, and from other moneys collected.

14 (b)(1) The ~~board is authorized to~~ department may employ an attorney to
 15 supervise and conduct its investigations and to institute and prosecute
 16 actions and charges for the violation of the provisions of the Arkansas
 17 Pharmacy Act, § 17-92-101 et seq.

18 (2) The attorney employed or retained by the ~~board~~ department
 19 may make regular reports to the Attorney General of the actions instituted or
 20 prosecuted by him or her.

21 (3) Appeals from the circuit court to the Supreme Court in
 22 matters affecting the action of the board may be handled by the office of the
 23 Attorney General.

24 (c) The board ~~is authorized to~~ may make reimbursement of the necessary
 25 and reasonable travel, board, and lodging expenses of the staff of the board
 26 incurred in the performance of their duties.

27
 28 SECTION 71. Arkansas Code § 17-93-406(8), concerning the powers and
 29 duties of the Arkansas State Board of Athletic Training, is amended to read
 30 as follows:

31 (8) To file an annual report of its activities, including the
 32 activities of the board, with the Department of ~~Finance and Administration~~
 33 Health.

34
 35 SECTION 72. Arkansas Code § 17-95-301(f)(2), concerning the creation
 36 of the Arkansas State Medical Board, is amended to read as follows:

1 (2) The ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas State Medical Board
2 and the Deputy Director of the Arkansas State Medical Board shall receive
3 such additional salary as may be fixed by the ~~board~~ Department of Health.
4

5 SECTION 73. Arkansas Code § 17-95-301(h)(1)(C)(ii), concerning the
6 creation of the Arkansas State Medical Board, is amended to read as follows:

7 (ii) The Division of Pharmacy Services and Drug
8 Control of the Department of Health shall prepare a report for the ~~Governor~~
9 Secretary of the Department of Health based on its findings.

10
11 SECTION 74. Arkansas Code § 17-95-303 is amended to read as follows:
12 17-95-303. Powers and duties.

13 The Arkansas State Medical Board shall:

14 (1) Make and adopt all rules, ~~regulations~~, and bylaws not
15 inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States and
16 necessary or convenient to perform the duties and to transact the business
17 required by law;

18 (2) Have authority to promulgate and put into effect such rules
19 ~~and regulations~~ as are necessary to carry out the purposes of the Arkansas
20 Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-
21 401 et seq., and the intentions expressed therein;

22 (3)(A)(i) Have authority to request the Department of Health
23 employ attorneys to represent the board in all legal matters for a
24 compensation approved by the board.

25 (ii) Contracts for employment of attorneys shall be
26 filed by the ~~Executive Director of the Arkansas State Medical Board~~ Secretary
27 of the Department of Health with the Legislative Council.

28 (B) The board shall ~~further~~ have authority to request the
29 assistance of the Attorney General and the prosecuting attorneys of Arkansas
30 in such manner as it deems necessary and proper;

31 (4) Have the authority to employ ~~an executive a~~ a director ~~and a~~
32 ~~deputy director~~ with the approval of the secretary to carry out the purposes
33 and the mandates of the board ~~and to supervise the other employees of the~~
34 ~~board~~;

35 (5) ~~Have the authority to employ a medical director, who shall~~
36 ~~hold a valid license to practice medicine in this state, to evaluate medical~~

1 ~~issues and to assist in investigations pending before the board;~~

2 ~~(6) Have the power and authority to employ such secretarial and~~
 3 ~~administrative assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of~~
 4 ~~the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq.,~~
 5 ~~and § 17-95-401 et seq., and the duties of the board to protect the people of~~
 6 ~~the State of Arkansas;~~

7 ~~(7) Have the power and authority to employ one (1) or more~~
 8 ~~inspectors as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Arkansas~~
 9 ~~Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-~~
 10 ~~401 et seq., and the duties of the board to protect the people of the State~~
 11 ~~of Arkansas;~~

12 (8) Examine, as is provided for by law, all applicants for a
 13 license to practice medicine in this state;

14 (9) Consider and give deference to data, studies, consensus
 15 documents, and conclusions issued by the Centers for Disease Control and
 16 Prevention or the National Institutes of Health whenever their data, studies,
 17 consensus documents, and conclusions are relevant to any decision made
 18 pursuant to the board's powers and duties under the Arkansas Medical
 19 Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et
 20 seq.;

21 ~~(10)~~(6) Have the power and authority to collect practice data
 22 from licensees; and

23 ~~(11)~~(7) Promulgate rules limiting the amount of Schedule II
 24 narcotics that may be prescribed and dispensed by licensees of the board.

25
 26 SECTION 75. Arkansas Code § 17-95-304(a), concerning the inspectors of
 27 the Division of Pharmacy Services and Drug Control of the Department of
 28 Health, is amended to read as follows:

29 (a)(1) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall utilize ~~as its employees~~
 30 the investigators and inspectors of the Division of Pharmacy Services and
 31 Drug Control of the Department of Health.

32 (2) The Department of Health is directed to make investigators
 33 and inspectors available for those purposes for as long as they may conduct
 34 investigations and inspections of prescriptions.

35
 36 SECTION 76. Arkansas Code § 17-95-304(b)(2), concerning the inspectors

1 of the Division of Pharmacy Services and Drug Control of the Department of
 2 Health, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The inspectors shall have the duty and authority upon
 4 written direction by the ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas State Medical
 5 Board to investigate, inspect, and make copies of the records, orders, and
 6 prescriptions, wherever located, of all persons licensed by the board in
 7 order to determine whether or not the persons have:

8 (A) Violated the laws of the State of Arkansas or of the
 9 United States respecting the prescription and use of narcotics and
 10 potentially dangerous drugs;

11 (B) Practiced their profession in such a way as to
 12 endanger the general health and welfare of the public; or

13 (C) Violated the provisions of the Arkansas Medical
 14 Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et
 15 seq.
 16

17 SECTION 77. Arkansas Code § 17-95-305(b), concerning the disposition
 18 of funds of the Arkansas State Medical Board, is amended to read as follows:

19 (b)(1) All moneys received by the board shall be disbursed by the
 20 Chair of the Arkansas State Medical Board or the ~~Executive~~ Director of the
 21 Arkansas State Medical Board.

22 (2) The ~~chair or the executive director, or both,~~ board shall
 23 furnish a surety bond and shall keep a true and faithful account of all
 24 moneys received and all moneys expended.

25 (3) The ~~executive director~~ chair shall file annually with the
 26 ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the Department of Health a report of all financial
 27 transactions duly audited by an independent accountant.
 28

29 SECTION 78. Arkansas Code § 17-95-310 is repealed.

30 ~~17-95-310. Medical Director of Arkansas State Medical Board—~~
 31 ~~Qualifications.~~

32 ~~The Medical Director of the Arkansas State Medical Board shall:~~

33 (1) ~~Have been in full-time clinical practice of medicine in~~
 34 ~~direct patient care within one (1) year of filling the position of medical~~
 35 ~~director;~~

36 (2) ~~Have fifteen (15) years of current, continuous full-time~~

1 ~~medical service immediately before the date of appointment, which shall~~
 2 ~~include, but not be limited to, at least ten (10) years of full-time clinical~~
 3 ~~practice in direct patient care, five (5) years of which shall have been in~~
 4 ~~full-time clinical practice in direct patient care in the State of Arkansas;~~

5 ~~(3) Have not served on the Arkansas State Medical Board within~~
 6 ~~the past five (5) years; and~~

7 ~~(4) Have a comprehensive knowledge of the contemporary, broad-~~
 8 ~~based clinical practice of medicine with experience in direct patient care.~~

9
 10 SECTION 79. Arkansas Code § 17-95-409(b)(2), concerning the denial,
 11 suspension, or revocation of a license by the Arkansas State Medical Board,
 12 is amended to read as follows:

13 (2) Upon notification from the Dean of the College of Medicine
 14 of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the ~~Director~~ Secretary
 15 of the Department of Health that exigent circumstances warrant a waiver of
 16 the suspension, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall reinstate the holder's
 17 license.

18
 19 SECTION 80. Arkansas Code § 17-96-203(a), concerning payment of
 20 expenses and compensation of members of the Arkansas Board of Podiatric
 21 Medicine, is amended to read as follows:

22 (a) The Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine is empowered to incur
 23 whatever expenses ~~it~~ the board may deem necessary or expedient in performing
 24 ~~its~~ the board's functions, ~~and it may employ whatever assistants it may deem~~
 25 ~~necessary or expedient and fix their compensation.~~

26
 27 SECTION 81. Arkansas Code § 17-97-203(1), concerning the powers and
 28 duties of the Arkansas Psychology Board, is repealed.

29 ~~(1) Be empowered to hire assistants as necessary to carry on its~~
 30 ~~activities, within the limits of funds available to the board;~~

31
 32 SECTION 82. Arkansas Code § 17-97-204(a), concerning the collection
 33 and disposition of fees by the Arkansas Psychology Board, is amended to read
 34 as follows:

35 (a) The Arkansas Psychology Board ~~is authorized to~~ may establish ~~and~~
 36 ~~collect~~ various fees and penalties for services related to provision of

1 temporary permits, printed materials, handling returned checks, costs
 2 incurred in processing delinquent payments, and other reasonable services as
 3 may be determined by the board and the Department of Health is authorized to
 4 collect such fees and penalties.

5
 6 SECTION 83. Arkansas Code § 17-98-203(c), concerning the rules and
 7 regulations of the State Board of Disease Intervention Specialists, is
 8 repealed.

9 ~~(c) The board, if moneys are appropriated therefor, may employ and fix~~
 10 ~~the compensation of such assistants, clerks, stenographers, typists, and~~
 11 ~~other employees to serve at the pleasure of the board, and acquire such~~
 12 ~~office space, furniture, supplies, equipment, and other such proper~~
 13 ~~conveniences as may be reasonably necessary for the performance of their~~
 14 ~~duties under this chapter.~~

15
 16
 17 SECTION 84. Arkansas Code § 17-100-201(a), concerning the creation of
 18 the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, is amended
 19 to read as follows:

20 (a) There is established ~~as an independent agency of the executive~~
 21 ~~branch of the government of the State of Arkansas~~ the Board of Examiners in
 22 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology within the Department of Health.

23
 24 SECTION 85. Arkansas Code § 17-100-204 is amended to read as follows:
 25 17-100-204. ~~Officers and employees~~ Director.

26 (a) The Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
 27 may employ and, ~~at its pleasure, discharge, with the approval of the~~
 28 Secretary of the Board of Health, an executive secretary and such officers
 29 ~~and employees~~ a Director of the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
 30 Pathology and Audiology as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the
 31 board.

32 (b) The board shall outline duties and fix compensation of ~~employees~~
 33 the director in accordance with law.

34 (c) The amount of per diem and mileage and expense moneys paid
 35 ~~employees of the board~~ to the director shall be in accordance with applicable
 36 law.

1
2 SECTION 86. Arkansas Code § 17-100-206 is amended to read as follows:

3 17-100-206. Disposition of funds – Reports.

4 (a) All fees and other funds received by the Board of Examiners in
5 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology shall be deposited into a bank
6 account in the name of the board in one (1) or more banks in this state and
7 shall be used by the board exclusively for payment to the Department of
8 Health of reasonable and necessary salaries, maintenance, and operating
9 expenses in the performance of duties imposed on the board under the
10 provisions of this chapter or the payment of the salary of the Director of
11 the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

12 (b) The board shall report monthly to the Department of Health and the
13 Department of Finance and Administration the amount and source of all revenue
14 received by it pursuant to this chapter during the preceding month.

15 (c) All appropriate expenses incurred by the board in the
16 administration of the provisions of this chapter shall be paid when vouchers
17 relating to such expenses are exhibited as having been approved by the board.

18 (d)(1) The board shall be financed from income accruing from fees,
19 licenses, and other income collected by the board.

20 (2) All ~~employee salaries and other~~ expenses, which may include
21 full or partial financing of continuing professional education programs
22 adopted by the board under § 17-100-306, and the salary of the director shall
23 be paid as budgeted after budgets are approved or within the limitations of
24 any appropriation for that purpose that may be included in any appropriate
25 Arkansas appropriations law.

26 (3) All employee salary reimbursement amounts shall be
27 determined by the Department of Health and shall be paid as budgeted after
28 budgets are approved or within the limitations of any appropriation for that
29 purpose that may be included in any appropriate Arkansas appropriations law.

30 (e) The board will have the authority to establish and change fees for
31 application, examination, renewal, inactivation, reactivation, and
32 delinquency purposes.

33
34 SECTION 87. Arkansas Code § 17-102-206(a)(1), concerning the Arkansas
35 State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques, is amended to read as
36 follows:

1 (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques
 2 is empowered to incur whatever expenses it may deem necessary or expedient in
 3 performing its functions. ~~It may employ or engage whatever personnel, legal~~
 4 ~~counsel, independent contractors, or assistants it may deem necessary or~~
 5 ~~expedient therefor and fix their compensation. However, no employee of the~~
 6 ~~Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture and Related Techniques shall have any~~
 7 ~~financial interest in the occupation of acupuncture and related techniques.~~

8
 9 SECTION 88. Arkansas Code § 17-103-202(e), concerning the organization
 10 and function of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, is amended to read
 11 as follows:

12 (e) The board ~~shall~~ may employ ~~necessary personnel~~ a Director of the
 13 Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board, with the approval of the Secretary of
 14 the Department of Health, for the performance of its functions and fix the
 15 compensation of the ~~personnel~~ director within the limits of funds available
 16 to the board.

17
 18 SECTION 89. Arkansas Code § 17-103-204(a), concerning the disposition
 19 of the funds of the Social Work Licensing Fund, is amended to read as
 20 follows:

21 (a) The ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board
 22 or his or her designee shall receive and account for all money derived under
 23 the provisions of this chapter and shall pay the money to the Treasurer of
 24 State, who shall keep the money in a separate fund to be known as the "Social
 25 Work Licensing Fund".

26
 27 SECTION 90. Arkansas Code § 17-103-204(d), concerning the disposition
 28 of the funds of the Social Work Licensing Fund, is amended to read as
 29 follows:

30 (d) The ~~executive~~ director shall be bonded to handle the finances of
 31 the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board in compliance with state rules.

32
 33 SECTION 91. Arkansas Code § 17-106-104(a)(1)(B), concerning the
 34 Medical Ionizing Radiation Licensure Committee, is amended to read as
 35 follows:

36 (B) One (1) member shall be the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the

1 Department of Health or his or her designee.

2
3 SECTION 92. Arkansas Code § 17-106-105(a)(1)(A), concerning the duties
4 and powers of the State Board of Health, is amended to read as follows:

5 (A)(i) Incur whatever expenses ~~it~~ the board may deem
6 necessary or expedient in performing ~~its~~ the board's duties under the
7 provisions of this chapter.

8 (ii) ~~It~~ The board, pursuant to the administration of
9 the Department of Health, may employ or engage whatever personnel, legal
10 counsel, independent contractors, or assistants it may deem necessary or
11 expedient and fix their compensation;

12
13 SECTION 93. Arkansas Code § 17-107-202(e), concerning the organization
14 and proceedings of the Arkansas Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics
15 Advisory Board, is amended to read as follows:

16 (e) ~~The Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human~~
17 ~~Services~~ Department of Health shall provide staff support for the board.

18
19 SECTION 94. Arkansas Code § 19-5-307(a)(2), concerning the Public
20 Health Fund, is amended to read as follows:

21 (2) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health;

22
23 SECTION 95. Arkansas Code § 19-12-113(b), resulting from Initiated Act
24 1 of 2000 concerning the establishment and administration of prevention and
25 cessation programs, is amended to read as follows:

26 (b) The Department of Health shall be responsible for developing,
27 integrating, and monitoring tobacco prevention and cessation programs funded
28 under this chapter and shall provide administrative oversight and management,
29 including, but not limited to implementing performance based measures. The
30 Department of Health shall have authority to award grants and allocate money
31 appropriated to implement the tobacco prevention and cessation program
32 mandated under this chapter. The Department of Health may contract with
33 those entities necessary to fully implement the tobacco prevention and
34 cessation initiatives mandated under this chapter. Within thirty (30) days
35 of receipt of moneys into the Prevention and Cessation Program Account,
36 fifteen percent (15%) of those moneys shall be deposited into a special

1 account within the prevention and cessation account at the Department of
 2 Health to be expended for tobacco prevention and cessation in minority
 3 communities as directed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
 4 in consultation with the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine
 5 Bluff, the President of the Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical
 6 Association, and the League of United Latin American Citizens.

7
 8 SECTION 96. Arkansas Code § 19-12-117 resulting from Initiated Act 1
 9 of 2000 is amended to read as follows:

10 19-12-117. Establishment of the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement
 11 Commission.

12 (a) There is hereby created and recognized the Arkansas Tobacco
 13 Settlement Commission, which shall be composed of the following:

14 (1) The ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas Economic Development
 15 Commission or his or her designee;

16 (2) The ~~Director of the Department of Education~~ Commissioner of
 17 Education of the Division of Primary and Secondary Education or his or her
 18 designee;

19 (3) The Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Higher Education
 20 or his or her designee;

21 (4) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services
 22 or his or her designee;

23 (5) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or
 24 her designee;

25 (6) A healthcare professional to be selected by the President
 26 Pro Tempore of the Senate;

27 (7) A healthcare professional to be selected by the Speaker of
 28 the House of Representatives;

29 (8) A citizen selected by the Governor; and

30 (9) A citizen selected by the Attorney General.

31 (b)(1) The four (4) members of the commission who are not on the
 32 commission by virtue of being a director of an agency, will serve four-year
 33 terms. The terms shall commence on October 1 of each year. Commission members
 34 are limited to serving two (2) consecutive four-year terms.

35 (2) Members of the commission shall not be entitled to
 36 compensation for their services, but may receive expense reimbursement in

1 accordance with § 25-16-902, to be paid from funds appropriated for this
2 program.

3 (c) Members appointed to the commission and the organizations they
4 represent shall make full disclosure of the members' participation on the
5 commission when applying for any grant or contract funded by this chapter.

6 (d) All members appointed to the commission shall make full and public
7 disclosure of any past or present association to the tobacco industry.

8 (e) The commission shall, within ninety (90) days of appointment, hold
9 a meeting and elect from its membership a chair for a term set by the
10 commission. The commission is authorized to adopt bylaws.

11 (f) The commission shall meet at least quarterly. However, special
12 meetings of the commission may be called at any time at the pleasure of the
13 chair or pursuant to the bylaws of the commission.

14 (g) The commission is authorized to hire an independent third party
15 with appropriate experience in health, preventive resources, health
16 statistics, and evaluation expertise to perform monitoring and evaluation of
17 program expenditures made from the program accounts pursuant to this chapter.
18 Such monitoring and evaluation shall be performed in accordance with § 19-12-
19 118, and the third party retained to perform such services shall prepare a
20 biennial report to be delivered to the General Assembly and the ~~Governor~~
21 Secretary of the Department of Health by each August 1 preceding a general
22 session of the General Assembly. The report shall be accompanied by a
23 recommendation from the commission as to the continued funding for each
24 program.

25 ~~The commission is authorized to hire such staff as it may~~
26 ~~reasonably need to carry out the duties described in this chapter.~~ The costs
27 and expenses of the monitoring and evaluation program, as administered by the
28 Department of Health, as well as the salaries, costs, and expenses of staff
29 shall be paid from the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission Fund
30 established pursuant to § 19-12-108.

31 (i) If the deposits into the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission
32 Fund exceed the amount necessary to pay the costs and expenses described in
33 subsection (h) of this section, then the commission is authorized to make
34 grants as follows:

35 (1) Those organizations eligible to receive grants are nonprofit
36 and community based;

1 (2) Grant criteria shall be established based upon the following
 2 principles:

3 (A) All funds should be used to improve and optimize the
 4 health of Arkansans;

5 (B) Funds should be spent on long-term projects that
 6 improve the health of Arkansans;

7 (C) Future tobacco-related illness and health care costs
 8 in Arkansas should be minimized through this opportunity; and

9 (D) Funds should be invested in solutions that work
 10 effectively and efficiently in Arkansas; and

11 (3) Grant awards shall be restricted in amounts up to fifty-
 12 thousand dollars (\$50,000) per year for each eligible organization.

13
 14 SECTION 97. Arkansas Code § 20-2-103(a)(1), concerning the powers and
 15 duties of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, is amended to read as
 16 follows:

17 (1) Establish the commission as the comprehensive ~~agency~~
 18 commission in this state for:

19 (A) Gathering and analyzing information regarding
 20 disparities in health and health care and access to health and healthcare
 21 services in this state;

22 (B) Statewide educational programming regarding
 23 disparities in health and health care and equal access to health and
 24 healthcare services; and

25 (C) Coordinating events regarding disparities in health
 26 and health care and access to health and healthcare services;

27
 28 SECTION 98. Arkansas Code § 20-2-103(a)(2)(B), concerning the powers
 29 and duties of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, is amended to read as
 30 follows:

31 (B) The following health and healthcare-related state
 32 ~~agencies entities~~ and divisions of state ~~agencies entities~~ shall collaborate
 33 with the commission to achieve healthcare equity in the state of Arkansas:

34 (i) The Department of Health;

35 (ii) The Department of Human Services;

36 (iii) The ~~Arkansas Department~~ Division of

1 Environmental Quality;

2 (iv) The Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health of
3 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and

4 (v) The Arkansas Center for Health Improvement.

5
6 SECTION 99. Arkansas Code § 20-2-103(a)(5), concerning the powers and
7 duties of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 (5) Make recommendations to the relevant agencies, to the
10 ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the Department of Health, and to the General Assembly
11 for improving the delivery of and access to health services for minorities;

12
13 SECTION 100. Arkansas Code § 20-2-107 is amended to read as follows:
14 20-2-107. Report on health disparities.

15 On or before October 1 each year, the Arkansas Minority Health
16 Commission shall report to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the Department of
17 Health, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro
18 Tempore of the Senate, the Chair of the House Committee on Public Health,
19 Welfare, and Labor, and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Health,
20 Welfare, and Labor without limitation:

21 (1) Summarizing the previous year's work under § 20-2-103(a)(5)
22 and (6);

23 (2) Describing reductions in disparities in health and health
24 care in this state; and

25 (3) Outlining plans for continuing and expanding in the coming
26 year the program to reduce disparities in health and health care in this
27 state.

28
29 SECTION 101. Arkansas Code § 20-7-102(a)(17), concerning the members
30 of the State Board of Health, is amended to read as follows:

31 (17) One (1) member shall be the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
32 Department of Health.

33
34 SECTION 102. Arkansas Code § 20-7-103 is amended to read as follows:
35 20-7-103. Members – Officers.

36 (a) The members of the State Board of Health shall elect one (1) of

1 the members as president.

2 (b)(1) The State Board of Health shall nominate to the ~~Governor~~
 3 Secretary of the Department of Health a Director of the Department of Health.

4 ~~(2)(A) The Governor~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may
 5 ~~shall appoint the director who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor~~
 6 employ a Director of the Department of Health.

7 (B) The Secretary of the Department of Health may
 8 serve as the Director of the Department of Health if the Governor determines
 9 all statutory requirements are fulfilled.

10 ~~(3)(2)~~ The director shall may:

11 (A) Serve as the State Health Officer;

12 (B) Serve as the Secretary for the State Board of Health
 13 ~~and shall have all the powers of a member of the State Board of Health~~ but
 14 shall not sit as a member of the State Board of Health;

15 (C)(i)(a) Be a licensed medical doctor who is a graduate
 16 of a school of medicine recognized by the Arkansas State Medical Board;

17 (b) Hold a graduate degree in public health or
 18 a graduate degree in a recognized public health discipline from an accredited
 19 college or university or have equivalent knowledge and experience in public
 20 health as determined by the ~~State Board of Health~~ Secretary of the Department
 21 of Health; and

22 (c) Have experience in the practice of public
 23 health and in leadership and management, the sufficiency of which shall be
 24 determined by the ~~State Board of Health~~ Secretary of the Department of
 25 Health; or

26 (ii) Hold a doctoral degree in public health or a
 27 doctoral degree in a recognized public health discipline from an accredited
 28 college or university with at least five (5) years of experience in the
 29 practice of public health and at least ten (10) years of experience in the
 30 leadership and management of a large complex organization, the sufficiency of
 31 which shall be determined by the ~~State Board of Health~~ Secretary of the
 32 Department of Health.

33
 34 SECTION 103. Arkansas Code § 20-7-106 is amended to read as follows:
 35 20-7-106. Office.

36 The office of the State Board of Health shall be located in Little

1 Rock, and the board shall be furnished with all necessary equipment and
2 supplies, including laboratory supplies, books, stationery, blanks,
3 furniture, etc., as are provided other officers of the state and as are
4 necessary for carrying on the work of the board, and the office is to be
5 provided in a suitable building to be designated by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of
6 the Department of Health.

7
8 SECTION 104. Arkansas Code § 20-7-107 is amended to read as follows:
9 20-7-107. Appointment of assistant director.

10 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may appoint and
11 employ an assistant director who shall be knowledgeable in the field of
12 public health and whose duty it shall be to assist the director in the
13 general supervision of the affairs of his or her office and in the
14 enforcement of quarantine and sanitation throughout the state.

15
16 SECTION 105. Arkansas Code § 20-7-108 is amended to read as follows:
17 20-7-108. Engagement of certain personnel.

18 ~~From time to time, the State Board of Health~~ The Department of Health
19 may engage suitable persons to render sanitary service, to make or supervise
20 practical and scientific investigations and examinations requiring expert
21 skill, and to prepare plans and to report relative to sanitary service.

22
23 SECTION 106. Arkansas Code § 20-7-111(c), concerning the
24 administration of certain federal acts by the State Board of Health, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (c)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall act as
27 executive officer ~~of the board~~ for the purpose of administering the federal
28 acts and this section.

29 (2) The ~~director~~ secretary shall carry into effect such rules
30 and regulations as the federal authorities and the board may adopt pursuant
31 to the federal acts and this section.

32
33 SECTION 107. Arkansas Code § 20-7-114(a)(2), concerning the
34 establishment of a public health laboratory by the State Board of Health, is
35 amended to read as follows:

36 (2) The public health laboratory shall be established and

1 maintained at the Department of Health under the direct supervision of the
2 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her authorized
3 representatives.
4

5 SECTION 108. Arkansas Code § 20-7-117(a), concerning the creation of
6 the State Hospice Office, is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) There is created within the Department of Health a State Hospice
8 Office to be administered in a division of the department to be designated by
9 the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.
10

11 SECTION 109. Arkansas Code § 20-7-121(a), concerning the annual report
12 of the State Board of Health, is amended to read as follows:

13 (a) It shall be the duty of the State Board of Health to make an
14 annual written report through the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
15 Health to the Governor on or before January 1 of each year.
16

17 SECTION 110. Arkansas Code § 20-7-133(b)(1), concerning the creation
18 of the Child Health Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

19 (b)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
20 appoint:

21 (A) One (1) member to represent the Department of Health;

22 (B) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Academy of
23 Nutrition and Dietetics;

24 (C) One (1) member to represent the American Academy of
25 Pediatrics, Arkansas Chapter;

26 (D) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Academy of
27 Family Practice;

28 (E) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Association
29 for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance;

30 (F) One (1) member to represent jointly the American Heart
31 Association, the American Cancer Society, and the American Lung Association;

32 (G) One (1) member to represent the Fay W. Boozman College
33 of Public Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

34 (H) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Center for
35 Health Improvement;

36 (I) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Advocates for

1 Children and Families;

2 (J) One (1) member to represent the University of Arkansas
3 Cooperative Extension Service; and

4 (K) One (1) member to represent the Office of Minority
5 Health and Health Disparities of the Department of Health.

6
7 SECTION 111. Arkansas Code § 20-7-202(4), concerning the definition of
8 "director" under the Arkansas Health Department Building and Local Grant Act,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 (4) "~~Director~~ Secretary" or "~~State Health Officer~~" means the
11 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health;

12
13 SECTION 112. Arkansas Code § 20-7-203 is amended to read as follows:
14 20-7-203. Disposition of funds.

15 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may construct
16 or acquire such facilities and property as are necessary for the provision of
17 current and future requirements for the Department of Health.

18 (b) Notwithstanding other provisions of this subchapter, the ~~director~~
19 secretary, with the approval of the State Board of Health, may use any
20 unobligated funds in the State Health Department Building and Local Grant
21 Trust Fund in an amount not to exceed six hundred fifty thousand dollars
22 (\$650,000) to construct or acquire any land, building, structure, or other
23 property, real, personal, or mixed, and any expenses incidental thereto which
24 are deemed appropriate for the provision of current and future requirements
25 for the department.

26 (c) With the approval of the board, the ~~director~~ secretary may lease,
27 sublease, or otherwise negotiate for the use of any space acquired or
28 constructed under this subchapter to other governmental and nongovernmental
29 entities. Revenues derived from any such lease, sublease, or other
30 arrangement shall be deposited into the Public Health Fund.

31 (d) Neither the ~~director~~ secretary nor any member of the board shall
32 be personally liable for any obligation or action undertaken in connection
33 therewith or for any damages sustained by anyone with respect to any
34 obligations or actions unless he or she shall have acted with a corrupt
35 intent.

1 SECTION 113. Arkansas Code § 20-7-204(c), concerning the State Health
2 Department Building and Local Grant Trust Fund, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (c) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall be the
5 disbursing agent and executive officer for the fund.

6
7 SECTION 114. Arkansas Code § 20-7-303(a) and (b), concerning the
8 collection and dissemination of health data, are amended to read as follows:

9 (a) With the approval of the State Board of Health, the ~~Director~~
10 Secretary of the Department of Health shall compile and disseminate health
11 data collected by the Department of Health.

12 (b)(1) In consultation with advisory groups appointed by the ~~director~~
13 secretary with representation from hospitals, outpatient surgery centers,
14 health profession licensing boards, and other state agencies, the department
15 should:

16 (A) Identify the most practical methods to collect,
17 transmit, and share required health data as described in § 20-7-304;

18 (B) Utilize, wherever practical, existing administrative
19 databases and modalities of data collection to provide the required data;

20 (C) Develop standards of accuracy, timeliness, economy,
21 and efficiency for the provision of the data; and

22 (D) Ensure confidentiality of data by enforcing
23 appropriate rules and regulations.

24 (2) To maximize limited resources and to prevent duplication of
25 effort, the department may consider, when appropriate, contracting with
26 private entities for the collection of data as set forth in this section
27 subject to this subchapter.

28
29 SECTION 115. Arkansas Code § 20-7-303(c)(2), concerning the collection
30 and dissemination of health data, is amended to read as follows:

31 (2) If health data are already reported to another organization
32 or governmental agency in the same manner, form, and content or in a manner,
33 form, and content acceptable to the department, the ~~director~~ secretary may
34 obtain a copy of the data from the organization or agency, and no duplicate
35 report need be submitted by the organization.

36

1 SECTION 116. Arkansas Code § 20-7-304 is amended to read as follows:
2 20-7-304. Release of health data.

3 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may release data
4 collected under this subchapter, except that data released shall not include
5 any information which identifies or could be used to identify any individual
6 patient, provider, institution, or health plan except as provided in § 20-7-
7 305.

8
9 SECTION 117. Arkansas Code § 20-7-306(a), concerning reports and
10 assistance by the Department of Health under the State Health Data
11 Clearinghouse Act, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall prepare
13 and submit a biennial report to the Governor and the House Committee on
14 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee on Public Health,
15 Welfare, and Labor or appropriate subcommittees thereof.

16
17 SECTION 118. Arkansas Code § 20-7-403(5), concerning the definition of
18 "construct" under the Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (5) "Construct" means to acquire, construct, reconstruct,
21 remodel, install, and equip any lands, buildings, structures, improvements,
22 or other property, whether real, personal, or mixed, useful in connection
23 with the expansion, by any method and manner as may be authorized by law, and
24 in the case of the acquisition of equipment and other property of a medical,
25 laboratory, or technical nature, by any method as the board or the ~~Director~~
26 Secretary of the Department of Health determines to be necessary or desirable
27 to accomplish the power, purposes, and authorities set forth in this
28 subchapter and without regard to the provisions of other laws pertaining to
29 the construction and acquisition of property by state agencies;

30
31 SECTION 119. Arkansas Code § 20-7-403(7), concerning the definition of
32 "Director" under the Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act, is repealed.

33 ~~(7) "Director" means the Director of the Department of Health;~~
34

35 SECTION 120. Arkansas Code § 20-7-404(b) and (c), concerning the
36 approval of construction of a laboratory under the Combating Prescription

1 Drug Abuse Act, are amended to read as follows:

2 (b) Subject to the approval of the board, the plans, specifications,
3 and estimates of cost for the laboratory and renovation of the building shall
4 be developed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health, and the
5 ~~director~~ secretary may employ architects and other like professional and
6 technical assistance as determined to be necessary for the construction of
7 the laboratory and renovation of the building.

8 (c) The board and the ~~director~~ secretary may take such action as may
9 be appropriate for the construction of the laboratory and renovation of the
10 building to accomplish the purposes of this subchapter and may engage legal,
11 technical, and other assistance as necessary.

12

13 SECTION 121. Arkansas Code § 20-7-405(d), concerning the financing of
14 construction and renovation of a laboratory under the Combating Prescription
15 Drug Abuse Act, is amended to read as follows:

16 (d) The board and the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
17 may execute and deliver agreements, instruments, and other undertakings and
18 writings and take such action as may be appropriate to evidence the loan and
19 the security for the loan and to carry out this subchapter.

20

21 SECTION 122. Arkansas Code § 20-7-408(a)(1), concerning the
22 disposition of fees under the Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a)(1) Except as set forth in this subchapter, all fee revenues shall
25 be treated as cash funds and shall not be deposited into the State Treasury,
26 but shall be deposited as and when received into a bank or banks approved by
27 the State Board of Health or the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
28 Health in an account or accounts of the board designated the "State Board of
29 Health Laboratory Revenue Fund".

30

31 SECTION 123. Arkansas Code § 20-7-408(c)(2), concerning the
32 disposition of fees under the Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act, is
33 amended to read as follows:

34 (2) All transfers from the State Board of Health Laboratory
35 Revenue Fund and the State Board of Health Public Health Laboratory
36 Construction Fund shall be made by or at the direction of the ~~director~~

1 secretary.

2
3 SECTION 124. Arkansas Code § 20-7-408(c)(3)(A), concerning the
4 disposition of fees under the Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (A) The ~~director~~ secretary; or

7
8 SECTION 125. Arkansas Code § 20-7-409 is amended to read as follows:
9 20-7-409. State Board of Health Public Health Laboratory Construction
10 Fund.

11 The proceeds of the loan other than amounts required to establish
12 reserves, to pay interest on the loan for a period not to exceed one (1)
13 year, or to pay costs of the loan and of issuing bonds, all of which shall be
14 set forth in written directions executed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
15 Department of Health, shall be deposited as cash funds into an account of the
16 State Board of Health designated the "State Board of Health Public Health
17 Laboratory Construction Fund" and disbursed by the ~~director~~ secretary for the
18 construction of the expansion.

19
20 SECTION 126. Arkansas Code § 20-7-410(a), concerning investment of
21 funds in the State Board of Health Public Health Laboratory Revenue Fund and
22 the State Board of Health Public Health Laboratory Construction Fund, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (a) All moneys held at any time in the State Board of Health
25 Laboratory Revenue Fund and the State Board of Health Public Health
26 Laboratory Construction Fund shall be invested and reinvested to the extent
27 feasible, as directed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.

28
29 SECTION 127. Arkansas Code § 20-7-412 is amended to read as follows:
30 20-7-412. Limitations on liability.

31 Neither the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health nor any
32 member of the State Board of Health shall be personally liable on the loan or
33 on account of any of the obligations or actions undertaken in connection with
34 the loan, or for any damages sustained by anyone with respect to the
35 obligations or actions, unless he or she acted with a corrupt intent.

36

1 SECTION 128. Arkansas Code § 20-7-604(d)(2)(D), concerning the
2 requirements for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 (D) The State Board of Health may amend, by rule, the
5 exemptions listed in subdivision (d)(2)(C) of this section upon a
6 recommendation from the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health and a
7 showing that the exemption or lack of exemption is unnecessarily burdensome
8 or has created a hardship.

9
10 SECTION 129. Arkansas Code § 20-7-607(a)(1)(A)(i), concerning
11 providing Prescription Drug Monitoring Program information, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (a)(1)(A)(i) The Department of Health shall review the Prescription
14 Drug Monitoring Program information, including without limitation a review to
15 identify information that appears to indicate whether a person is obtaining
16 prescriptions in a manner that may represent misuse or abuse of controlled
17 substances based on prescribing criteria determined by the ~~Director~~ Secretary
18 of the Department of Health upon consultation with the Prescription Drug
19 Monitoring Program Advisory Committee.

20
21 SECTION 130. Arkansas Code § 20-7-614(b), concerning the effective
22 date of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (b) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may suspend
25 operation of the program if adequate funding under § 20-7-610 ceases.

26
27 SECTION 131. Arkansas Code § 20-8-104 is amended to read as follows:
28 20-8-104. Health Services Permit Agency – Powers and duties.

29 (a) There is created and established the Health Services Permit
30 Agency, which shall be ~~an independent agency~~ under the supervision and
31 control of the ~~Governor~~ Department of Health.

32 (b) The agency, under the administration of the Department of Health,
33 shall possess and exercise such duties and powers as necessary to implement
34 the policy and procedures adopted by the Health Services Permit Commission.

35 (c) The agency, under the administration of the Department of Health,
36 shall review all applications for permits of approval and approve or deny the

1 application within ninety (90) days from the date the application is deemed
2 complete and submitted for review.

3 (d) The State of Arkansas shall not participate in the capital
4 expenditures review program, otherwise known as the 1122 Program, unless it
5 becomes mandatory for continuation in federal programs authorized under Title
6 V of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 701 et seq., Title XIV of the
7 Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1351 et seq., and Title XVII of the Social
8 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1391 et seq., for all states.

9 (e) The agency, under the administration of the Department of Health,
10 shall assist the commission in the performance of its duties under this
11 subchapter.

12
13 SECTION 132. Arkansas Code § 20-8-105 is amended to read as follows:
14 20-8-105. Director.

15 There shall be a Director of the Health Services Permit Agency, who
16 shall be the executive head of the Health Services Permit Agency. The
17 director shall be ~~appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the~~
18 ~~Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor~~ employed by the
19 Secretary of the Department of Health.

20
21 SECTION 133. Arkansas Code § 20-8-108 is amended to read as follows:
22 20-8-108. Fees and fines.

23 All fees and fines collected under this subchapter shall be deposited
24 into the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to be used exclusively for the
25 maintenance and operation of the Health Services Permit Agency, including any
26 agreements to reimburse the Department of Health for costs associated with
27 the operation of the Health Services Permit Agency.

28
29 SECTION 134. Arkansas Code § 20-8-110(g), concerning the collection
30 and dissemination of health data, is amended to read as follows:

31 (g) The ~~director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall prescribe
32 such rules ~~and regulations~~ as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of
33 this section.

34
35 SECTION 135. Arkansas Code § 20-8-110(h)(2)(A), concerning the
36 collection and dissemination of health data, is amended to read as follows:

1 (2)(A) The director shall prepare an annual report of the Health
2 Services Permit Agency's findings and submit the report to the ~~Governor~~
3 Secretary of the Department of Health, the General Assembly, and the House
4 Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee on
5 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor or appropriate subcommittees thereof.

6
7 SECTION 136. Arkansas Code § 20-8-203(1)(G), concerning the powers and
8 duties of the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission, is amended to read as follows:

9 (G) Provide an annual report to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of
10 the Department of Health, to the General Assembly, and to the public
11 documenting areas of success, unresolved problems, and overall cost-benefit
12 analyses of expenditures from the various sources;

13
14 SECTION 137. Arkansas Code § 20-8-505(b)(1)(E), concerning the
15 creation and members of the Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical
16 Cord Blood Initiative, is amended to read as follows:

17 (E) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or
18 his or her designee.

19
20 SECTION 138. Arkansas Code § 20-8-506(a)(9), concerning the powers and
21 duties of the Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood
22 Initiative, is amended to read as follows:

23 (9) If funds are available, request the Department of Health to
24 employ staff and enter into contracts necessary to implement this subchapter,
25 and reimburse the Department of Health for the cost of implementing this
26 subchapter; and

27
28 SECTION 139. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, is
29 repealed as the Alzheimer's Advisory Council expired on September 30, 2017.

30 ~~Subchapter 6 — Alzheimer's Advisory Council~~

31
32 ~~20-8-601. Findings.~~

33 ~~(a) The General Assembly finds that:~~

34 ~~(1) Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and fatal brain disease~~
35 ~~that destroys brain cells and causes problems with memory, thinking, and~~
36 ~~behavior;~~

1 ~~(2) More than five million four hundred thousand (5,400,000)~~
 2 ~~Americans now have Alzheimer's disease;~~

3 ~~(3) Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and~~
 4 ~~is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and~~

5 ~~(4) No cure exists for Alzheimer's disease, but treatments for~~
 6 ~~symptoms used in conjunction with appropriate services and support can~~
 7 ~~improve the quality of life for those living with the disease.~~

8 ~~(b) This section shall expire on September 30, 2017.~~

9
 10 ~~20-8-602. Alzheimer's Advisory Council—Creation—Membership.~~

11 ~~(a) There is created the Alzheimer's Advisory Council, to consist of~~
 12 ~~twenty-three (23) members as follows:~~

13 ~~(1) Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of~~
 14 ~~Representatives as follows:~~

15 ~~(A) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives;~~

16 ~~(B) One (1) member who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's~~
 17 ~~disease;~~

18 ~~(C) One (1) member to represent the healthcare provider~~
 19 ~~community; and~~

20 ~~(D) One (1) member to represent the adult day services~~
 21 ~~industry;~~

22 ~~(2) Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of~~
 23 ~~the Senate as follows:~~

24 ~~(A) Two (2) members of the Senate;~~

25 ~~(B) One (1) member who is a paid caregiver of a person~~
 26 ~~with Alzheimer's disease;~~

27 ~~(C) One (1) member to represent the assisted living~~
 28 ~~industry; and~~

29 ~~(D) One (1) member who is a scientist who specializes in~~
 30 ~~Alzheimer's disease research;~~

31 ~~(3) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor as follows:~~

32 ~~(A) One (1) member who is a physician caring for persons~~
 33 ~~diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease;~~

34 ~~(B) One (1) member to represent the nursing facility~~
 35 ~~industry;~~

36 ~~(C) One (1) member who is a person active in the state~~

1 ~~chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; and~~

2 ~~(D) One (1) member who is a person active in the~~
3 ~~Alzheimer's Arkansas Programs and Services; and~~

4 ~~(4) Nine (9) members as follows:~~

5 ~~(A) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her~~
6 ~~designee;~~

7 ~~(B) The Director of the Department of Human Services or~~
8 ~~his or her designee;~~

9 ~~(C) The Director of the Division of Aging, Adult, and~~
10 ~~Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services or his or her~~
11 ~~designee;~~

12 ~~(D) The Director of the Arkansas Center for Health~~
13 ~~Improvement or his or her designee;~~

14 ~~(E) The Director of the Department of Workforce Services~~
15 ~~or his or her designee; and~~

16 ~~(F) Four (4) members appointed by the state chapter of the~~
17 ~~Alzheimer's Association to represent Arkansas families that have been~~
18 ~~affected by Alzheimer's disease.~~

19 ~~(b) Members of the council shall be appointed by September 1, 2011.~~

20 ~~(c)(1) Members of the council shall serve at the pleasure of their~~
21 ~~appointing authorities.~~

22 ~~(2) A vacancy on the council shall be filled by the original~~
23 ~~appointing authority.~~

24 ~~(d)(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President~~
25 ~~Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a cochair from among the~~
26 ~~members of the council.~~

27 ~~(2) The cochairs shall jointly call the first meeting of the~~
28 ~~council.~~

29 ~~(e)(1) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a~~
30 ~~quorum.~~

31 ~~(2) A majority vote of the members present is required for any~~
32 ~~action of the council.~~

33 ~~(f) Council meetings shall be held in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and at~~
34 ~~other locations in the state as the council shall deem necessary.~~

35 ~~(g) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff support to~~
36 ~~the council as necessary to assist the council in the performance of its~~

1 ~~duties.~~

2 ~~(h) Legislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for~~
 3 ~~expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided~~
 4 ~~by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of the interim~~
 5 ~~committees.~~

6 ~~(i) This section shall expire on September 30, 2017.~~

7
 8 ~~20-8-603. Duties.~~

9 ~~(a) The Alzheimer's Advisory Council shall:~~

10 ~~(1) Assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease~~
 11 ~~and other types of dementia on the residents of the State of Arkansas;~~

12 ~~(2) Examine the existing industries, services, and resources~~
 13 ~~addressing the needs of persons living with Alzheimer's disease, their~~
 14 ~~families, and caregivers; and~~

15 ~~(3) Develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the~~
 16 ~~public health crisis created by Alzheimer's disease and other types of~~
 17 ~~dementia.~~

18 ~~(b) This section shall expire on September 30, 2017.~~

19
 20 ~~20-8-604. Reports.~~

21 ~~(a) The Alzheimer's Advisory Council shall present a draft of~~
 22 ~~assessments and recommendations for meeting the Alzheimer's disease needs in~~
 23 ~~the State of Arkansas to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and~~
 24 ~~Labor and the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or~~
 25 ~~before October 1 of each even-numbered year.~~

26 ~~(b) This section shall expire on September 30, 2017.~~

27
 28 SECTION 140. Arkansas Code § 20-8-702(b)(1)(I), concerning the
 29 Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Task Force, is amended
 30 to read as follows:

31 (I) One (1) member, in consultation with the ~~Surgeon~~
 32 General Secretary of the Department of Health, who is a palliative care
 33 professional with expertise in the following knowledge areas that may include
 34 without limitation:

- 35 (i) Interdisciplinary palliative care;
- 36 (ii) Medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy, or

1 spiritual services;

2 (iii) Psychosocial issues involved in caregiving for
3 patient and family caregivers or their advocates; and

4 (iv) Palliative care perspectives and challenges
5 across multiple settings, including inpatient, outpatient, and community
6 settings, and across pediatric, youth, adult, and geriatric populations;

7

8 SECTION 141. Arkansas Code § 20-8-702(b)(2)(B), concerning the
9 Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Task Force, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 (B) One (1) member, in consultation with the Arkansas
12 Surgeon General, who is a palliative care professional with expertise in the
13 following knowledge areas that may include without limitation:

14 (i) Interdisciplinary palliative care;

15 (ii) Medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy, or
16 spiritual services;

17 (iii) Psychosocial issues involved in caregiving for
18 patient and family caregivers or their advocates; and

19 (iv) Palliative care perspectives and challenges
20 across multiple settings, including inpatient, outpatient, and community
21 settings, and across pediatric, youth, adult, and geriatric populations; and

22

23 SECTION 142. Arkansas Code § 20-8-702(b)(3)(B), concerning the
24 Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Task Force, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (B) One (1) member, in consultation with the Arkansas
27 Surgeon General, who is a palliative care professional with expertise in the
28 following knowledge areas that may include without limitation:

29 (i) Interdisciplinary palliative care;

30 (ii) Medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy, or
31 spiritual services;

32 (iii) Psychosocial issues involved in caregiving for
33 patient and family caregivers or their advocates; and

34 (iv) Palliative care perspectives and challenges
35 across multiple settings, including inpatient, outpatient, and community
36 settings, and across pediatric, youth, adult, and geriatric populations.

1
2 SECTION 143. Arkansas Code § 20-8-702(h), concerning the Palliative
3 Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Task Force, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (h) The Department of Health, ~~in conjunction with the Department of~~
6 ~~Human Services~~, shall provide staff, information, and other assistance as
7 reasonably necessary to assist the task force in its efficient organization.
8

9 SECTION 144. Arkansas Code § 20-9-204(a), concerning the
10 administration of the state plan for the construction of medical facilities
11 by the Division of Health Facilities Services, is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) There is established in the ~~State Board of Health~~ Department of
13 Health a Division of Health Facilities Services, which shall be administered
14 by a full-time salaried administrator under the supervision and direction of
15 the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.
16

17 SECTION 145. Arkansas Code § 20-9-205 is amended to read as follows:
18 20-9-205. Powers and duties of State Board of Health.

19 (a) In carrying out this subchapter, the State Board of Health is
20 empowered and directed to:

21 (1) Require such reports, make such inspections and
22 investigations, and prescribe and enforce such reasonable rules and
23 regulations as it finds necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
24 subchapter;

25 (2) Provide methods of administration ~~and appoint an~~
26 ~~administrator and other personnel~~ of the Division of Health Facilities
27 Services;

28 (3) Procure and pay for the temporary services of experts or
29 consultants on a fee-for-service basis;

30 (4) Enter into agreements for the utilization of the facilities
31 and services of other departments, agencies, and institutions, public and
32 private;

33 (5) Accept on behalf of the state, and deposit with the
34 Treasurer of State, any grant, gift, or contribution of funds made to assist
35 in meeting the cost of carrying out the purposes of this subchapter, and
36 expend such funds accordingly;

1 (6) Make an annual report to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of the
2 Department of Health on activities and expenditures made pursuant to this
3 subchapter;

4 (7) Procure the services of an attorney to assist the Department
5 of Health in any legal work involved in carrying out the duties of the
6 department and to pay for the services on a fee-for-service or retainer
7 basis; and

8 (8) Prescribe and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations
9 as are necessary to adopt a uniform billing form for hospitals within the
10 state and to prescribe penalties for the failure or refusal to utilize and
11 accept such forms. However, the form must be acceptable by Medicare and its
12 intermediaries within the state and consistent with the form adopted at the
13 federal level by Medicare and the National Uniform Billing Committee.

14 (b) The department shall adopt, promulgate, and enforce such rules,
15 regulations, and standards as may be necessary for the accomplishment of the
16 purposes of this subchapter. The rules, regulations, and standards shall be
17 modified, amended, or rescinded, from time to time, by the department as may
18 be in the public interest.

19
20 SECTION 146. Arkansas Code § 20-9-207(d), concerning the federal funds
21 for surveying and planning construction programs, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 (d) Warrants for all payments from the fund shall bear the signature
24 of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her agent.

25
26 SECTION 147. Arkansas Code § 20-9-211(c), concerning the federal funds
27 for surveying and planning construction programs, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 (c) Warrants for all payments from the fund shall bear the signature
30 of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her agent.

31
32 SECTION 148. Arkansas Code § 20-9-217(b), concerning alterations,
33 additions, and new construction of facilities under the Division of Health
34 Facilities Services, is amended to read as follows:

35 (b)(1) ~~From time to time, the Director~~ The Secretary of the Department
36 of Health or his or her agent shall inspect each construction project

1 approved by the ~~Unites~~ United States Surgeon General.

2 (2) If the inspection so warrants, the ~~director~~ secretary or his
 3 or her agent shall certify to the United States Surgeon General that work has
 4 been performed upon the project, or purchases have been made, in accordance
 5 with the approved plans and specifications, and that payment of an
 6 installment of federal funds is due the applicant.

7
 8 SECTION 149. Arkansas Code § 20-9-1003(b), concerning the creation of
 9 the Acute Stroke Care Task Force, is amended to read as follows:

10 (b) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall appoint:

- 11 (1) One (1) member to represent the Department of Health;
- 12 (2) One (1) member to represent the American Heart Association
 13 and the American Stroke Association;
- 14 (3) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Minority Health
 15 Commission;
- 16 (4) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Hospital
 17 Association, Inc.;
- 18 (5) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Foundation for
 19 Medical Care, Inc.;
- 20 (6) One (1) member to represent the Fay W. Boozman College of
 21 Public Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;
- 22 (7) One (1) member to represent the Division of Medical Services
 23 within the Department of Human Services;
- 24 (8) One (1) member to represent emergency medical services;
- 25 (9) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical Society,
 26 Inc.;
- 27 (10) One (1) member to represent the medical insurance industry;
- 28 (11) One (1) member to represent the community at large; and
- 29 (12) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical, Dental,
 30 and Pharmaceutical Association, Inc.

31
 32 SECTION 150. Arkansas Code § 20-9-1003(d), concerning the creation of
 33 the Acute Stroke Care Task Force, is amended to read as follows:

34 (d) If a vacancy occurs, the ~~director~~ secretary shall appoint a person
 35 who represents the same constituency as the member being replaced.

1 SECTION 151. Arkansas Code § 20-9-1102(b), concerning the creation of
2 the Cervical Cancer Task Force, is amended to read as follows:

3 (b) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall appoint:

- 4 (1) One (1) member to represent the Department of Health;
5 (2) One (1) member to represent the American Cancer Society;
6 (3) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Minority Health
7 Commission;
8 (4) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Hospital
9 Association, Inc.;
10 (5) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Foundation for
11 Medical Care, Inc.;
12 (6) One (1) member to represent the Fay W. Boozman College of
13 Public Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;
14 (7) One (1) member to represent the Division of Medical Services
15 of the Department of Human Services;
16 (8) One (1) member to represent primary care physicians;
17 (9) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical Society,
18 Inc.;
19 (10) One (1) member to represent the medical insurance industry;
20 (11) One (1) member to represent the community at large; and
21 (12) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical, Dental,
22 and Pharmaceutical Association, Inc..

23
24 SECTION 152. Arkansas Code § 20-9-1102(d), concerning the creation of
25 the Cervical Cancer Task Force, is amended to read as follows:

26 (d) If a vacancy occurs, the ~~director~~ secretary shall appoint a person
27 who represents the same constituency as the member being replaced.

28
29 SECTION 153. Arkansas Code § 20-9-1204(a), concerning the Advisory
30 Committee on Healthcare Acquired Infections, is amended to read as follows:

31 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall appoint
32 an Advisory Committee on Healthcare Acquired Infections, including without
33 limitation representatives of:

- 34 (1) Public and private hospitals, including representatives of
35 hospitals with fewer than fifty (50) beds and representatives of hospitals
36 with more than fifty (50) beds;

- 1 (2) Outpatient surgery centers;
- 2 (3) Direct-care nursing staff;
- 3 (4) Physicians;
- 4 (5) Infection-control professionals with expertise in
- 5 healthcare-associated infections;
- 6 (6) Academic researchers; and
- 7 (7) At least one (1) representative of a consumer organization.

8
9 SECTION 154. Arkansas Code § 20-9-1402(a), concerning the
10 establishment of the shaken baby syndrome education program, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall establish
13 the shaken baby syndrome education program by:

14 (1) Not later than one (1) year after August 16, 2013,
15 developing educational materials that present readily comprehensible
16 information for new parents on shaken baby syndrome; and

17 (2) Making available on the Department of Health website in an
18 easily accessible format the educational materials developed under
19 subdivision (a)(1) of this section.

20
21 SECTION 155. Arkansas Code § 20-9-1402(c)(1), concerning the
22 establishment of the shaken baby syndrome education program, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (c)(1) Annually beginning on or before January 1, 2014, the ~~director~~
25 secretary shall assess the effectiveness of the shaken baby syndrome
26 education program.

27
28 SECTION 156. Arkansas Code § 20-13-206(f), concerning the proceedings
29 of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (f)(1) The council shall report in writing to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary
32 of the Department of Health on or about July 31 of each year.

33 (2) The report shall contain a summary of the proceedings of the
34 council during the preceding fiscal year, a detailed and itemized statement
35 of all revenue and of all expenditures made by or in behalf of the council,
36 other information deemed necessary or useful, and any additional information

1 which may be requested by the ~~Governor~~ secretary.

2
3 SECTION 157. Arkansas Code § 20-13-503(4), concerning the definition
4 of "director" under the statewide emergency poison control-drug information-
5 toxicological laboratory services program, is amended to read as follows:

6 (4) "~~Director~~ Secretary" means the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
7 Department of Health;

8
9 SECTION 158. Arkansas Code § 20-13-505 is amended to read as follows:
10 20-13-505. Authority of ~~director~~ secretary.

11 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may:

12 (1) Employ any coordination measures necessary to effectuate the
13 purposes of this subchapter within and among the responsible components;

14 (2) Engage in any educational program or effort undertaken in
15 partnership with county or municipal governmental agencies or other groups
16 if, in his or her judgment, such activity would effectuate the purposes of
17 this subchapter;

18 (3) Authorize any component within the system to employ experts
19 and consultants and compensate those individuals at rates determined by the
20 ~~director~~ secretary in consultation with component representatives of the
21 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and

22 (4) Engage in programs of experimental or demonstration
23 research.

24 (b) Additionally, the ~~director~~ secretary may accept and administer
25 loans, grants, or other funds and gifts, conditional or otherwise, from the
26 United States Government and any other public or private sources. In all such
27 transactions, the PC-DI-TL system shall remain unitary, and the ~~director~~
28 secretary shall allow no function which might require the separation of the
29 components.

30 (c) The ~~director~~ secretary shall have full authority, in consultation
31 with the two (2) University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences components of
32 the PC-DI-TL system, to formulate, promulgate, adopt, amend, and enforce
33 rules, regulations, and regulatory standards necessary to effectuate this
34 subchapter in a way consistent with § 10-3-309.

35
36 SECTION 159. Arkansas Code § 20-13-506(a)(2), concerning the creation

1 of the advisory committee for the PC-DI-TL program, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 (2) The committee shall consist of an uneven number of persons,
4 not to exceed seven (7), appointed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
5 Department of Health.

6
7 SECTION 160. Arkansas Code § 20-13-506(b)(3), concerning the creation
8 of the advisory committee for the PC-DI-TL program, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 (3) In the selection of members, the ~~director~~ secretary shall
11 appoint only those persons with professional expertise in poison control,
12 drug information, toxicological laboratory services, or other health and
13 safety fields.

14
15 SECTION 161. Arkansas Code § 20-13-506(d), concerning the creation of
16 the advisory committee for the PC-DI-TL program, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 (d) Any reasonable administrative and technical assistance required by
19 the committee shall be provided by the ~~director~~ secretary in consultation
20 with the UAMS-Pharmacy and UAMS-Library permanent components of the PC-DI-TL
21 program.

22
23 SECTION 162. Arkansas Code § 20-13-508(a), concerning the designation
24 of personnel within the PC-DI-TL services system, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (a) Each permanent component within the PC-DI-TL services system shall
27 designate those persons within the component department who shall have
28 responsibility for implementing and developing this toxicology services
29 system, and each shall provide written notice of the designations to the
30 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.

31
32 SECTION 163. Arkansas Code § 20-13-511 is amended to read as follows:

33 20-13-511. Recordkeeping and reporting.

34 Each of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences components, the
35 Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center, the Library of the University of
36 Arkansas for Medical Sciences for nonemergency poison and drug information,

1 and the Chemistry Branch of the Public Health Laboratory of the Department of
2 Health, shall make available to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
3 Health, in such manner, form, or at such times as he or she shall require,
4 copies of records and reports regarding all activities authorized and
5 developed pursuant to this subchapter.

6
7 SECTION 164. Arkansas Code § 20-13-807(d), concerning the creation of
8 the Trauma Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her
10 designee shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the Trauma Advisory
11 Council.

12
13 SECTION 165. Arkansas Code § 20-13-820 is amended to read as follows:
14 20-13-820. Reports to the General Assembly.

15 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall provide a
16 report to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the
17 House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or before April 1 and
18 October 1 of each year through 2011. After 2011, the ~~director~~ secretary shall
19 provide an annual report to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare,
20 and Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or
21 before October 1.

22
23 SECTION 166. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1106(a), concerning disqualifying
24 offenses for certification or recertification and waivers, is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (a) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(1) of this section, the
27 Division of Emergency Medical Services shall issue a determination that a
28 person is disqualified from certification or recertification if the person
29 has been found guilty of or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any of
30 the offenses listed in subsection (b) of this section, including offenses for
31 which the record has been expunged. However, the Division of shall forward a
32 request for a waiver to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health on
33 all applicants who have been convicted of the crimes listed in subsection (b)
34 of this section if five (5) years have passed since the conviction, if five
35 (5) years have passed since release from custodial confinement, or if the
36 applicants are currently certified emergency medical technicians, before

1 making the final determination on certification or recertification. These
2 individuals will not be suspended before the ~~director's~~ secretary's making
3 the final determination.

4
5 SECTION 167. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1106(d)(2), concerning
6 disqualifying offenses for certification or recertification and waivers, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (2) The written request for waiver shall be mailed to the
9 ~~director~~ secretary within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the
10 determination by the Department of Health.

11
12 SECTION 168. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1201(3), concerning the definition
13 of "director" under the vaccination program for first responders, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (3) "~~Director~~ Secretary" means the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
16 Department of Health;

17
18 SECTION 169. Arkansas Code § 20-14-804(b), concerning the Advisory
19 Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are
20 Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 (b) The board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the
23 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health as follows:

24 (1) Four (4) licensed qualified interpreters appointed from a
25 list of eight (8) submitted by the Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the
26 Deaf in conjunction with the Arkansas Association for the Deaf;

27 (2) Two (2) members appointed from a list of four (4) submitted
28 by the Arkansas Association for the Deaf, Inc. in conjunction with the
29 Arkansas Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf who are deaf persons, hard of
30 hearing persons, or oral deaf persons not licensed under this subchapter; and

31 (3) One (1) member appointed from a list of two (2) submitted by
32 the Arkansas Association for the Deaf in conjunction with the Arkansas
33 Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. who are neither individuals who
34 are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or oral deaf and who are not licensed
35 under this subchapter.

36

1 SECTION 170. Arkansas Code § 20-14-804(e), concerning the Advisory
2 Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are
3 Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 (e) If a vacancy occurs on the board, the ~~director~~ secretary shall
6 appoint to complete the term vacated a person who possesses the same
7 qualifications as those required for the position to which he or she is
8 appointed.

9
10 SECTION 171. Arkansas Code § 20-14-805(b), concerning the powers and
11 duties of the Advisory Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and
12 Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (b) The Advisory Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals
15 and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf shall
16 review and recommend to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health:

17 (1) Acceptance or rejection of applications for licensure and
18 renewal of licenses for interpreters for the deaf, deafblind, hard of
19 hearing, and oral deaf;

20 (2) Criteria for issuance and renewal of licenses for licensed
21 qualified interpreters;

22 (3) Criteria for issuance and continuance of provisional
23 licenses;

24 (4) Fees for licensure and licensure renewal under this
25 subchapter;

26 (5) Suspension or revocation of licenses under this subchapter;

27 (6) Procedures for receiving and investigating complaints under
28 the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.;

29 (7) Rules to ensure that an interpreting agency provides only
30 licensed qualified interpreters for services under this subchapter;

31 (8) Rules regarding conflicts of interest regarding members of
32 the Advisory Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and
33 Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf;

34 (9)(A) A code of professional conduct.

35 (B) The code of professional conduct shall provide, at a
36 minimum, that:

1 (i) A licensed qualified interpreter shall make a
2 true interpretation in an understandable manner to an individual who is deaf,
3 deafblind, hard of hearing, or oral deaf for whom the licensed qualified
4 interpreter is appointed and that the licensed qualified interpreter will
5 interpret accurately the statements of the individual who is deaf or hard of
6 hearing who desires that his or her statements be made in English to the best
7 of the licensed qualified interpreter's skill and judgment; and

8 (ii) All information that a licensed qualified
9 interpreter gathers, learns from, or relays to an individual who is deaf,
10 deafblind, hard of hearing, or oral deaf during an administrative, civil, or
11 criminal proceeding shall remain confidential and privileged unless the
12 individual who is deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or oral deaf desires that
13 the information be communicated to other persons; and

14 (10) A continuing education program for licensed qualified
15 interpreters.

16
17 SECTION 172. Arkansas Code § 20-14-806(a), concerning the powers and
18 duties of the Director of the Department of Health, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 (a) After consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board
21 for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf,
22 Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
23 Department of Health shall:

24 (1) Issue or deny a license or a renewal of license of a
25 licensed qualified interpreter;

26 (2) Issue or deny a license or a renewal of a licensed
27 provisional interpreter license;

28 (3) Confirm or overrule a recommendation to revoke or suspend a
29 license for an interpreter between a hearing individual and an individual who
30 is deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or oral deaf;

31 (4) Create and maintain a registry of licensed qualified
32 interpreters; and

33 (5) Establish reasonable fees for licensure and renewal of
34 licensure.

35
36 SECTION 173. Arkansas Code § 20-15-202 is amended to read as follows:

1 20-15-202. State cancer plan.

2 A task force consisting of public and private entities shall be
3 established by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health to assist
4 the Department of Health in developing a strategic plan for a coordinated,
5 comprehensive, statewide network of cancer resources, services, and programs.
6

7 SECTION 174. Arkansas Code § 20-15-401(b), concerning the duty of a
8 physician to report cases of suspected cases of Reye's syndrome diseases, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (b) The report shall be made as promptly as possible from the time the
11 physician first visits, examines, or prescribes for the patient, and the
12 report shall state the name, age, sex, race, usual residence, place where the
13 patient is to be found, the nature of the disease, the date of onset, and any
14 additional information that the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
15 Health may require.
16

17 SECTION 175. Arkansas Code § 20-15-602(a)(3), concerning the creation
18 and members of the State Kidney Disease Commission, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 (3) ~~The Commissioner of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services of~~
21 ~~the Department of Career Education~~ Secretary of the Department of Health, or
22 his or her designee, shall be a member of the commission and shall serve as
23 secretary and disbursing officer of funds appropriated to the commission for
24 the treatment and cure of renal diseases.
25

26 SECTION 176. Arkansas Code § 20-15-604(a), concerning the advisory
27 association to the State Kidney Disease Commission, is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 (a) In developing rules and regulations and in determining standards
30 for determining eligibility for financial assistance to persons suffering
31 from chronic renal diseases who require lifesaving care and treatment for
32 such renal diseases, the State Kidney Disease Commission shall consult with
33 and obtain the advice of the Arkansas Association for Kidney Disease, Inc., a
34 nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this state. This
35 organization is recognized as the representative body to serve as an advisory
36 association to the commission and to the deputy director of the appropriate

1 division as determined by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
2 in carrying out their functions and duties under this subchapter.

3
4 SECTION 177. Arkansas Code § 20-15-605 is amended to read as follows:

5 20-15-605. State Kidney Disease Commission – Disbursement of funds.

6 (a) The ~~commissioner of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services of the~~
7 ~~Department of Career Education~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall be
8 the disbursing officer of funds appropriated by the General Assembly and of
9 other funds made available to the State Kidney Disease Commission for such
10 purposes. These funds are to provide monetary assistance to defray the cost
11 incurred by patients suffering from acute or chronic renal disease who are
12 unable to meet the total cost of their care or treatment from their own
13 resources or from third-party resources.

14 (b) The ~~Commissioner~~ secretary shall be governed by the policies,
15 rules and regulations, and procedures promulgated by the commission in
16 disbursing funds appropriated, or otherwise made available, to the commission
17 for renal disease treatment purposes.

18
19 SECTION 178. Arkansas Code § 20-15-701 is amended to read as follows:

20 20-15-701. Definition.

21 As used in this subchapter, “active tuberculosis” means that the
22 disease is in a communicable or infectious stage as established by chest X
23 ray, microscopical examination of sputum, or other diagnostic procedures
24 approved ~~jointly~~ by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health ~~and~~
25 ~~the medical director of either the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium or the~~
26 ~~Arkansas State Hospital.~~

27
28 SECTION 179. Arkansas Code § 20-15-709(b), concerning the discharge of
29 a person committed, is amended to read as follows:

30 (b) The superintendent of the institution shall report each discharge
31 with a full statement of reasons therefor at once to the ~~Director~~ Secretary
32 of the Department of Health, to the county health officer of the county where
33 the person was committed, and to the clerk of the court from which the person
34 was committed.

35
36 SECTION 180. Arkansas Code § 20-15-1003 is amended to read as follows:

1 20-15-1003. Advisory committee.

2 (a) To assure the safety and accuracy of screening and diagnostic
3 mammography and to promote the highest quality imaging in the most efficient
4 setting to contain costs, radiological standards, and quality assurance
5 programs shall be established and administered by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of
6 the Department of Health.

7 (b) To assist the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health in
8 establishing the quality standards, there is created an advisory committee to
9 be composed of:

10 (1) The Director of Mammography at the University of Arkansas
11 for Medical Sciences, or his or her designee;

12 (2) The Chair of the Breast Screening Project of the Arkansas
13 Division of the American Cancer Society, or his or her designee;

14 (3) A physician appointed by the Arkansas Medical Society, Inc.
15 or his or her designee;

16 (4) A health physicist from the Radiation Control Section of the
17 Department of Health, or his or her designee;

18 (5) A medical physicist with experience and training in
19 mammography procedures appointed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department
20 of Health;

21 (6) A registered X-ray technologist with experience and training
22 in mammography practices and procedures appointed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary
23 of the Department of Health; and

24 (7) The President of the Arkansas Chapter of the American
25 College of Radiology, or his or her designee.

26 (c) The committee and the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
27 Health shall continuously review and revise the quality standards in light of
28 current scientific knowledge, but no less frequently than one (1) time every
29 year.

30
31 SECTION 181. Arkansas Code § 20-15-1004(a)(1), concerning the
32 accreditation of facilities under the federal Mammography Quality Standards
33 Act of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

34 (a)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
35 establish quality standards for accreditation of facilities wherein
36 mammography may be conducted in accordance with the Mammography Quality

1 Standards Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-539 (21 C.F.R. Part 900).

2
3 SECTION 182. Arkansas Code § 20-15-1502(4), concerning the definition
4 of "director" under the laws establishing the Universal Newborn Hearing
5 Screening, Tracking, and Intervention Advisory Board, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (4) "~~Director~~ Secretary" means the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
8 Department of Health;

9
10 SECTION 183. Arkansas Code § 20-15-1903(2), concerning the definition
11 of "high risk" under the Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and
12 Treatment Act, is amended to read as follows:

13 (2) Any additional or expanded definition of "persons at high
14 risk for colorectal cancer" as recognized by medical science and determined
15 by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health in consultation with
16 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

17
18 SECTION 184. Arkansas Code § 20-15-1906 is amended to read as follows:
19 20-15-1906. Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and
20 Treatment Advisory Committee.

21 (a) There is created a Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Early Detection,
22 and Treatment Advisory Committee to advise the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
23 Department of Health on matters of concern under this subchapter.

24 (b) The ~~director~~ secretary shall appoint:

25 (1) One (1) member to represent the Department of Health;

26 (2) One (1) member to represent the target population of this
27 subchapter;

28 (3) One (1) member who specializes in primary care or
29 gastrointestinal medicine to represent the Arkansas Medical Society, Inc.;

30 (4) One (1) member who specializes in primary care or
31 gastrointestinal medicine to represent the Arkansas Medical, Dental and
32 Pharmaceutical Association, Inc.;

33 (5) One (1) member who is a surgical oncologist physician;

34 (6) One (1) member who is a radiation oncologist physician;

35 (7) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Nurses Association;

36 (8) One (1) member who is a behavioral health scientist;

- 1 (9) One (1) member who is a medical oncologist physician;
- 2 (10) One (1) member to represent the area health education
- 3 centers;
- 4 (11) One (1) member who is a colorectal cancer survivor;
- 5 (12) One (1) member to represent the American Cancer Society;
- 6 (13) One (1) member to represent the Community Health Centers of
- 7 Arkansas; and
- 8 (14) One (1) member selected from the Arkansas Minority Health
- 9 Commission.

10 (c) The ~~director~~ secretary shall ensure that the membership is

11 representative of the four (4) congressional districts.

12 (d) Terms of committee members shall be three (3) years except for the

13 initial members whose terms shall be determined by lot so as to stagger terms

14 to equalize as nearly as possible the number of members to be appointed each

15 year.

16 (e) If a vacancy occurs, the ~~director~~ secretary shall appoint a person

17 who represents the same constituency as the member being replaced.

18 (f) The committee shall elect one (1) of its members to act as chair

19 for a term of one (1) year.

20 (g) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the

21 transaction of business.

22 (h) The committee shall meet at least quarterly to study developments

23 in programs created under this subchapter and to assist the ~~director~~

24 secretary in improving existing programs and developing new programs.

25 (i) The department shall provide office space and staff for the

26 committee.

27 (j) Members of the committee shall serve without pay but may receive

28 expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-902 if funds are available.

29

30 SECTION 185. Arkansas Code § 20-16-101 is repealed.

31 ~~20-16-101. Authorization to continue the Mississippi County Midwife~~

32 ~~Program.~~

33 ~~The Director of the Department of Health may continue the Mississippi~~

34 ~~County Midwife Program utilizing available state and federal funding.~~

35

36 SECTION 186. Arkansas Code § 20-16-203(c)(3), concerning the advisory

1 commission to the Arkansas Reproductive Health Monitoring System, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 (3) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health;
4

5 SECTION 187. Arkansas Code § 20-16-507(b), concerning the requirement
6 of testing pregnant women, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) For the purpose of this section, a standard serological test shall
8 be a test for syphilis, human immunodeficiency virus, and Hepatitis B,
9 approved or authorized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and
10 approved by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health and shall be
11 made at the division's laboratory or at another laboratory approved to make
12 such tests.
13

14 SECTION 188. Arkansas Code § 20-16-1110(c), concerning civil remedies
15 to be brought against a person who performed an abortion, is amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (c)(1) If the Department of Health fails to issue the public report
18 required under § 20-16-1108, any group of ten (10) or more citizens of this
19 state may seek an injunction in a court of competent jurisdiction against the
20 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health requiring that a complete
21 report be issued within a period established by the court.

22 (2) Failure of the ~~director~~ secretary to obey an injunction
23 issued under subdivision (c)(1) of this section is punishable as civil
24 contempt.
25

26 SECTION 189. Arkansas Code § 20-18-203(a), concerning the State
27 Registrar of Vital Records, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall appoint
29 the State Registrar of Vital Records.
30

31 SECTION 190. Arkansas Code § 20-19-309(a), concerning the area of
32 quarantine, is amended to read as follows:

33 (a)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall place
34 certain areas under a rabies quarantine upon request of proper local
35 officials.

36 (2) In serious situations, the ~~director~~ secretary may place the

1 area under quarantine without waiting for a local request.

2
3 SECTION 191. Arkansas Code § 20-19-311 is amended to read as follows:

4 20-19-311. Administration by ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
5 Health.

6 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her
7 official representative shall have the responsibility for carrying out the
8 provisions of this subchapter.

9
10 SECTION 192. Arkansas Code § 20-19-406(c)(3), concerning vaccination
11 of wolves and wolf-dog hybrids, is amended to read as follows:

12 (3) Upon written order by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
13 Department of Health or a specifically designated representative, any biting
14 animal determined to be at significant risk for the transmission of rabies
15 shall be humanely killed and the brain tissue submitted for testing; and
16

17 SECTION 193. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 20, Subchapter 3, is
18 repealed.

19 ~~Subchapter 3 — Pesticides and Chemicals Safe for Children Hand-Harvesting~~
20 ~~Crops~~

21
22 ~~20-20-301. Approved chemicals — Safe reentry times.~~

23 ~~(a) The Director of the Department of Health may establish by~~
24 ~~regulation a list of approved pesticides and other agricultural chemicals~~
25 ~~which are safe for the occupational exposure of children twelve (12) and~~
26 ~~thirteen (13) years of age employed in hand-harvesting short-season crops.~~

27 ~~(b) The director also may establish by regulation safe reentry times~~
28 ~~for children twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years of age so employed.~~

29
30 ~~20-20-302. Assessment fees.~~

31 ~~(a) Any employer, individual, corporation, group, or association which~~
32 ~~proposes the approval of any pesticide or other agricultural chemical for~~
33 ~~inclusion on this list shall pay the Department of Health a fee for~~
34 ~~conducting any necessary study or risk assessment.~~

35 ~~(b) The fee shall be established by regulation of the department and~~
36 ~~shall be deposited into the State Treasury to the Public Health Fund Account.~~

1
2 ~~20-20-303. Hand harvesting by children.~~

3 ~~Children twelve (12) years of age and older may be employed to hand-~~
4 ~~harvest short-season crops, provided that:~~

5 ~~(1) School is not in session;~~

6 ~~(2) Written parental consent has been obtained by the employer;~~

7 ~~(3) An employment certificate has been obtained from the~~
8 ~~Director of the Department of Labor pursuant to § 11-6-109;~~

9 ~~(4) No pesticide or other agricultural chemical has been used on~~
10 ~~the crop except those approved by the Department of Health pursuant to § 20-~~
11 ~~20-301; and~~

12 ~~(5) Any pesticide or other agricultural chemical used on the~~
13 ~~crop has been applied and utilized in compliance with the worker protection~~
14 ~~standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency~~
15 ~~and the department.~~

16
17 SECTION 194. Arkansas Code § 20-21-203(18), concerning the definition
18 of "Director" under the laws governing ionizing radiation, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (18) "~~Director~~ Secretary" means the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
21 Department of Health;

22
23 SECTION 195. Arkansas Code § 20-21-206(b), concerning employees of the
24 State Radiation Control Agency, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall designate
26 an individual to perform the functions vested in the agency pursuant to this
27 subchapter.

28
29 SECTION 196. Arkansas Code § 20-21-207(10)(A), concerning the powers
30 and duties of the State Radiation Control Agency, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 (10)(A) Allow the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
33 or his or her authorized representative to require the posting of a bond by
34 licensees to provide funds in the event of abandonment, default, or other
35 inability of the licensee to meet the requirements of the agency. The agency
36 may establish bonding requirements by classes of licensee and by range of

1 monetary amounts. In establishing the requirements, the agency shall give
2 consideration to the potential for contamination, injury, cost of disposal,
3 and reclamation of the property.
4

5 SECTION 197. Arkansas Code § 20-21-207(10)(C) and (D), concerning the
6 powers and duties of the State Radiation Control Agency, are amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (C) A bond deemed acceptable in Arkansas shall be a bond
9 issued by a fidelity or surety company authorized to do business in Arkansas,
10 a personal bond secured by such collateral as the ~~director~~ secretary deems
11 satisfactory, a cash bond, or a letter of credit.

12 (D)(i) All state, local, or other governmental agencies or
13 subdivisions shall be exempt from the requirements of this subdivision (10).

14 (ii) The ~~director~~ secretary may exempt classes of
15 licensees from the requirements of this section when a finding is made that
16 the exemption will not result in a significant risk to the public health and
17 safety; and
18

19 SECTION 198. Arkansas Code § 20-21-207(11)(A), concerning the powers
20 and duties of the State Radiation Control Agency, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 (11)(A) Allow the ~~director~~ secretary or his or her authorized
23 representative to require a licensee to deposit funds on an annual,
24 semiannual, or quarterly basis into a trust fund established for the
25 exclusive purpose set out in this subdivision (11). The Perpetual Maintenance
26 Fund shall be defined so as to embrace each of the following:

27 (i) A source of revenue to provide for perpetual
28 care and surveillance of a radioactive waste concentration, storage, and
29 disposal site as described in subdivision (9) of this section or a source of
30 revenue to provide for perpetual care and surveillance of a formerly licensed
31 activity still containing or having associated with it radioactive material,
32 the activity having ceased to operate by reason of default, abandonment, or
33 decommissioning;

34 (ii) The Perpetual Maintenance Fund shall have two
35 (2) inputs:

36 (a) Fees which are contributed by the lessee

1 or licensee resulting from the operation of concentrating, storing, or
2 disposing of radioactive material as set forth in subdivision (9) of this
3 section; and

4 (b) Moneys accrued as interest on a trust fund
5 established by a licensee. These funds shall be automatically transferred to
6 the Perpetual Maintenance Fund in the event of default, abandonment, or
7 decommissioning;

8 (iii) Moneys in the Perpetual Maintenance Fund shall
9 be appropriated to the agency for use in a way consonant with this
10 subchapter, including such items as perpetual care, maintenance, and
11 surveillance; and

12 (iv) All licensee contributions to the Perpetual
13 Maintenance Fund shall be payable to the ~~director~~ secretary and deposited by
14 the Treasurer of State.

15
16 SECTION 199. Arkansas Code § 20-21-207(11)(F), concerning the powers
17 and duties of the State Radiation Control Agency, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 (F) If a person licensed by any governmental agency other
20 than the State of Arkansas desires to transfer a site to the state for the
21 purpose of administering or providing perpetual care, a lump-sum deposit
22 shall be made to a trust fund. The amount of the deposit shall be determined
23 by the ~~director~~ secretary, taking into consideration the factors stated in
24 subdivision (11)(D) of this section.

25
26 SECTION 200. Arkansas Code § 20-21-306(b), concerning the State
27 Electronic Product Control Agency, is amended to read as follows:

28 (b) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall be
29 Director of the State Electronic Product Control Agency and shall perform the
30 functions vested in the agency pursuant to this subchapter.

31
32 SECTION 201. Arkansas Code § 20-21-403(a)(2), concerning the operating
33 funds of the Nuclear Planning and Response Program, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 (2) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
36 certify the amount to each utility in the state which maintains and operates

1 one (1) or more nuclear generating facilities in the state. The Chief Fiscal
 2 Officer of the State shall then notify each utility of the portion of the
 3 amount to be paid by each utility.

4
 5 SECTION 202. Arkansas Code § 20-21-404(b) and (c), concerning the fees
 6 from utilities operating nuclear generating facilities, are amended to read
 7 as follows:

8 (b) The fees so levied against each utility shall be remitted by the
 9 utility to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health within thirty
 10 (30) days after the amount thereof is certified by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 11 of the State.

12 (c) If any utility shall fail or refuse to pay the fees as provided in
 13 this section within the time prescribed, the ~~director~~ secretary shall add to
 14 the fee a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) thereof and shall certify the
 15 amount of the delinquent fee and penalty to the Attorney General for
 16 collection.

17
 18 SECTION 203. Arkansas Code § 20-21-501(3), concerning the definition
 19 of "Division of Health" under the Nuclear Planning and Response Program of
 20 the Division of Radiation Control and Emergency Management of the Department
 21 of Health, is amended to read as follows:

22 (3) "Division of Health" means the Nuclear Planning and Response
 23 Program of the Division of Radiation Control and Emergency Management of the
 24 Department of Health, with the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
 25 having the ultimate authority over any activities conducted by that program,
 26 division, and department;

27
 28 SECTION 204. Arkansas Code § 20-27-209 is repealed.

29 ~~20-27-209. Sterilization of renovated and remade bedding required.~~

30 ~~(a) No person shall remake or renovate any article of bedding unless~~
 31 ~~all the material to be used in the remade or renovated bedding shall first be~~
 32 ~~thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by a process approved by the Director~~
 33 ~~of the Department of Health.~~

34 ~~(b) Any person who receives bedding to be renovated shall attach to~~
 35 ~~each article of bedding, at the time of its receipt, a tag upon which has~~
 36 ~~been legibly written the name and address of the owner of the bedding and the~~

1 ~~date it was received for renovation.~~

2 ~~(c) No person shall use in the making of bedding any previously used~~
3 ~~material unless the material has been sterilized and disinfected by a process~~
4 ~~approved by the director.~~

5
6 SECTION 205. Arkansas Code § 20-27-209(c), concerning the
7 sterilization of renovated and remade bedding, is amended to read as follows:

8 (c) No person shall use in the making of bedding any previously used
9 material unless the material has been sterilized and disinfected by a process
10 approved by the ~~director~~ secretary.

11
12 SECTION 206. Arkansas Code § 20-27-602(3), concerning the definition
13 of "Director" under the laws regulating lead poisoning prevention, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (3) "~~Director~~ Secretary" means the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
16 Department of Health or his or her authorized delegate or representative;

17
18 SECTION 207. Arkansas Code § 20-27-605(b), concerning the Director of
19 the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Agency, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 (b) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall perform
22 the functions vested in the department pursuant to this subchapter.

23
24 SECTION 208. Arkansas Code § 20-27-606(a), concerning the requirement
25 for a search warrant required for inspection, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) For reasonable cause, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
27 Health may obtain from any court of record in the county where a dwelling or
28 other property is located a search warrant permitting the ~~director's~~
29 secretary's designee to enter at all reasonable times upon any private or
30 public property, including dwellings or dwelling units. Entry may be made for
31 the purpose of determining whether or not a lead poisoning hazard or
32 potential hazard exists, including the collection of samples of laboratory
33 analyses, and to determine abatement compliance. However, entry onto or into
34 any property under the jurisdiction and control of the United States
35 Government shall be effected only with the concurrence of the United States
36 Government or its designated representative.

1
2 SECTION 209. Arkansas Code § 20-27-607(a), concerning the notification
3 of a lead hazard, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) After completion of an inspection or investigation, the ~~Director~~
5 Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her designee shall notify the
6 owner and tenant of his or her findings and, in the event any lead hazard was
7 found, the notification shall contain instructions pertaining to abatement as
8 prescribed by this subchapter and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant
9 to this subchapter.

10
11 SECTION 210. Arkansas Code § 20-27-2701(3), concerning the definition
12 of "director" under the laws regarding the unlawful sale of bedding, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (3) "~~Director~~ Secretary" means the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
15 Department of Health;

16
17 SECTION 211. Arkansas Code § 20-27-2702(d), concerning the labeling of
18 bedding for sale, is amended to read as follows:

19 (d) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall approve
20 the form and size of labels, the fabric of which the labels are made, and the
21 wording and statements on labels provided for under this section.

22
23 SECTION 212. Arkansas Code § 20-47-510(d)(1)(A), concerning the
24 coordination and oversight of annual reports of the Comprehensive Children's
25 Behavioral Health System of Care Plan, is amended to read as follows:

26 (A) The ~~Commissioner~~ Secretary of Education, the Secretary
27 of Health, and the Director of the Department of Health, and the ~~Director~~
28 Secretary of the Department of Human Services; and

29
30 SECTION 213. Arkansas Code § 20-47-510(e)(1)(A), concerning the
31 coordination and oversight of annual reports of the Comprehensive Children's
32 Behavioral Health System of Care Plan, is amended to read as follows:

33 (A) The commissioner, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
34 Department of Health, and the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human
35 Services; and

1 SECTION 214. Arkansas Code § 20-57-203 is amended to read as follows:
2 20-57-203. ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health – Powers and
3 duties.

4 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall have:

5 (1) Power and authority to prevent the proliferation of
6 infections, contagious, and communicable diseases resulting from unsanitary
7 food service operations; and

8 (2) Direction and control over all sanitary and quarantine
9 measures for dealing with all such diseases within the state and to suppress
10 the diseases and prevent their spread.

11
12 SECTION 215. Arkansas Code § 20-57-207(a) and (b), concerning
13 nonliability for the prevention of choking, are amended to read as follows:

14 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall study and
15 approve instructions detailing first aid techniques and a poster diagramming
16 first aid techniques designed and intended for use by a person without
17 medical training in removing food which has become lodged in the throat of a
18 choking victim.

19 (b) The ~~director~~ secretary shall publish the approved instructions and
20 poster and make them available to each food service operation in the state.

21
22 SECTION 216. Arkansas Code § 20-57-207(g), concerning nonliability for
23 the prevention of choking, is amended to read as follows:

24 (g) No food service operation, employee of a food service operation,
25 person connected with its management, nor any other person shall be liable in
26 any civil action for damages for personal injury or wrongful death for any
27 acts or omissions of any individual removing, attempting to remove, or
28 assisting in the removal of food lodged in the throat of a choking victim in
29 accordance with instructions supplied by the ~~director~~ secretary.

30
31 SECTION 217. Arkansas Code § 20-57-304 is amended to read as follows:
32 20-57-304. Penalty.

33 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this subchapter, or
34 the orders, rules, or regulations promulgated by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of
35 the Department of Health under authority thereof, shall upon conviction be
36 subject to a fine for each and every offense in a sum not exceeding five

1 hundred dollars (\$500) or to imprisonment for not more than six (6) months,
2 or both fine and imprisonment.

3
4 SECTION 218. Arkansas Code § 20-57-305(b), concerning the powers and
5 duties of the State Board of Health and the Director of the Department of
6 Health, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) All orders, rules, and regulations adopted by the board pursuant
8 to this subchapter shall be published in the manner prescribed in subsection
9 (c) of this section and, within the limits specified by this subchapter,
10 shall become effective upon such date as the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
11 Department of Health shall fix.

12
13 SECTION 219. Arkansas Code § 20-57-305(d)(1), concerning the powers
14 and duties of the State Board of Health and the Director of the Department of
15 Health, is amended to read as follows:

16 (d)(1) The ~~director~~ secretary is authorized to collect samples for
17 analysis and to conduct examinations and investigations for the purposes of
18 this subchapter through any officers or employees under his or her
19 supervision.

20
21 SECTION 220. Arkansas Code § 20-57-306(d), concerning vitamins and
22 other ingredients of flour, is amended to read as follows:

23 (d) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health is empowered
24 with the authority and directed to change, or add to, the specifications for
25 ingredients and the amounts thereof required to conform to the federal
26 definition of enriched flour when promulgated or as may from time to time be
27 amended.

28
29 SECTION 221. Arkansas Code § 20-57-306(f)(1), concerning vitamins and
30 other ingredients of flour, is amended to read as follows:

31 (f)(1) The terms of this section shall not apply to flour sold to
32 distributors, bakers, or other processors if the purchaser furnishes to the
33 seller a certificate in such form as the ~~director~~ secretary shall by
34 regulation prescribe, certifying that the flour will be:

- 35 (A) Resold to a distributor, baker, or other processor;
36 (B) Used in the manufacture, mixing, or compounding of

1 flour, white bread, or rolls enriched to meet the requirements of this
2 subchapter; or

3 (C) Used in the manufacture of products other than flour,
4 white bread, or rolls.

5

6 SECTION 222. Arkansas Code § 20-59-201(5), concerning the definition
7 of miscellaneous products under the laws regulating milk and dairy products,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 (5) Miscellaneous Products. Varieties, types, and kinds of milk
10 and dairy products which are not defined in this section shall be
11 manufactured and marketed under the standards of composition promulgated by
12 the Bureau of Standards of the United States Food and Drug Administration, or
13 may be promulgated by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
14 under authority vested in him or her to make and promulgate rules and
15 regulations;

16

17 SECTION 223. Arkansas Code § 20-59-201(10)(F), concerning the
18 definition of "cream or milk grader" under the laws regulating milk and dairy
19 products, is amended to read as follows:

20 (F) "Cream or milk grader" shall be considered to mean any
21 person who shall have passed a satisfactory examination as to his or her
22 qualifications and to have actually demonstrated his or her ability before
23 the ~~director~~ secretary or his or her assistants, to determine the quality of
24 cream or milk purchased for the purpose of manufacture into dairy products;
25 and

26

27 SECTION 224. Arkansas Code § 20-59-202(1) and (2), concerning
28 penalties under the laws governing milk and dairy products, is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) Hinder, obstruct, or in any way interfere with the ~~Director~~
31 Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her deputies while
32 discharging the duties of inspection;

33 (2) Obstruct or hinder in any way the ~~director~~ secretary from
34 carrying out the full meaning and intent of this subchapter;

35

36 SECTION 225. Arkansas Code § 20-59-205(a), concerning the right of

1 review of the State Board of Health regarding milk and dairy products, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (a) It shall be the duty of the State Board of Health, and it is
4 authorized and empowered through its constituted officers and agents as set
5 out in this section, to perform the following acts. However, any aggrieved
6 party shall have the right to apply to the circuit court in the county of his
7 or her residence for a review of any summary action on the part of the board
8 or its agents and for this purpose service of process upon the ~~Director~~
9 Secretary of the Department of Health at any place in this state shall
10 constitute valid service in the application for review:

11 (1) Inspection of Plants. To inspect or cause to be inspected,
12 as often as may be deemed practicable, all dairy products plants or any other
13 places where dairy products are produced, manufactured, frozen, processed,
14 kept, handled, stored, or sold within this state;

15 (2) Production and Sale Prohibited. To prohibit the production
16 and sale of unclean, adulterated, unwholesome milk, cream, or other dairy
17 products;

18 (3) Condemnation for Food. To condemn for food purposes by
19 denaturing with harmless coloring all unclean or unwholesome dairy products
20 wherever they may find those products;

21 (4) Samples. To take samples anywhere of any dairy products or
22 imitation thereof and cause the samples to be analyzed or satisfactorily
23 tested according to the method of the AOAC International in force at the
24 time. The analyses or tests shall be preserved and recorded;

25 (5) Right of Entry. To enter during business hours all dairy
26 products plants or other places where dairy products are manufactured,
27 produced, frozen, processed, stored, sold, or kept for sale or transportation
28 in order to perform their official duties;

29 (6) Price of Cream or Butterfat.

30 (A) To require that no person, firm, corporation, or
31 association shall buy or offer to buy cream or butterfat for butter-making
32 purposes without displaying the price to be paid for cream or butterfat
33 according to grade of cream.

34 (B) The price shall be posted and displayed continuously
35 during the business hours of the person, firm, or corporation buying cream,
36 and the price, according to grade of cream, shall include all premiums and

1 bonuses, if any, in letters and figures not less than two inches (2") in
2 height in such manner or place so that the price posted shall be plainly
3 visible from the street in front of the building or place in which the
4 purchase is made.

5 (C) It shall be deemed a violation hereof if there is:

6 (i) A failure on the part of the person, firm,
7 corporation, or association, its agent, servant, or employee, to post the
8 prices; or

9 (ii) A buying of cream or butterfat at a price
10 different from that which is posted.

11 (D) All persons, firms, corporations, or associations,
12 their agents, servants, or employees shall keep a record in their respective
13 cream stations of the time and date on or at which changes in prices are made
14 and posted.

15 (E) However, nothing in this subdivision (6) shall be
16 construed as to forbid or prevent:

17 (i) Incorporated cooperative associations from
18 paying annually earned patronage dividends according to the statutes and
19 decrees under which they are organized; or

20 (ii) Corporations paying annual dividends according
21 to the statutes and decrees under which they are incorporated;

22 (7) Subpoenas.

23 (A) To issue subpoenas requiring the appearance of
24 witnesses and the production of books, papers, reports, and records before
25 the board or the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health, in all cases
26 where sufficient evidence of violation of this subchapter is filed with the
27 ~~Director of the Department of Health~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.
28 The ~~Director of the Department of Health~~ Secretary of the Department of
29 Health shall have power to administer oaths with like effect as is done in
30 courts of law in this state.

31 (B) It shall be the duty of any circuit court or the judge
32 thereof upon application to issue an attachment for the witnesses and compel
33 their attendance before the board or the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department
34 of Health, to give testimony upon such matters as shall be lawfully required
35 by the official. The court or judge shall have power, in cases of refusal, to
36 punish for contempt, as in other cases of refusal to obey the orders and

1 process of the court;

2 (8) Tests.

3 (A) To test milk, cream, and other dairy products for the
4 purpose of ascertaining the percentages of butterfat or other ingredients
5 contained therein.

6 (B) If the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
7 or any of his or her deputies shall find upon testing that there is a
8 variance of more than one percent (1%) of butterfat in a cream test or two-
9 tenths of one percent (2/10 of 1%) in a milk test between his or her test and
10 that made by any person engaged in buying or selling milk, cream, or other
11 dairy products for the basis of payment, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
12 Department of Health or deputy shall cause his or her test to be verified and
13 substantiated by a recognized laboratory. If the chemist shall find that the
14 test made by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or deputy is
15 correct, the test thus made and verified shall be admitted in evidence in all
16 prosecutions for violation of this section. The ~~Director of the Department of~~
17 ~~Health~~ secretary is authorized to recall and cancel the testor's permit of
18 the person thus making false tests or to bring criminal action against the
19 person, or both;

20 (9) Carrier Regulations.

21 (A) To forbid and prevent any common carrier to neglect or
22 fail to remove or ship from its depot, within twenty-four (24) hours of its
23 arrival there for shipment, any milk, cream, or other dairy products left at
24 that depot for transportation.

25 (B) Railway and express companies and other common
26 carriers shall provide and utilize sanitary ventilated rooms or canvas covers
27 at depots or transfer points for the protection from extreme temperatures of
28 all milk, cream, and ice cream received for shipment and not allow
29 merchandise of a contaminating nature to be stored on or with the cream.

30 (C) Truck route operators shall protect milk and cream
31 from extreme temperatures and unsanitary conditions during transportation by
32 proper covering and separation to prevent contamination from other
33 transportation products;

34 (10) Cans or Packers at Depot. To forbid and prevent milk or
35 cream cans or ice cream packers to remain at a railroad or truck depot longer
36 than forty-eight (48) hours from the date of their arrival, excepting

1 individual farm shipments;

2 (11) Branded Containers.

3 (A) To forbid and prevent the use of any branded or
4 registered cream can or milk can, ice cream, or frozen dessert packer or
5 container for any other purpose than the handling, storing, or shipping of
6 milk, cream, or frozen dessert.

7 (B) It shall be unlawful for any person or carrier other
8 than the rightful owner, except with written consent of the owner thereof, to
9 use, transport, or deliver any milk or cream can, whether filled with cream
10 or milk or empty, or frozen dessert container, whether filled with frozen
11 dessert or empty, to other than the rightful owner if the receptacle is
12 marked with the brand or trademark of the owner, the brand or trademark being
13 registered according to law with the Secretary of State;

14 (12) Alteration of Brand – Return of Containers.

15 (A) To forbid and prevent any person other than the
16 rightful owner thereof to in any way alter the mark or brand or ownership
17 identification on any milk or cream can or other dairy receptacle without
18 written consent of the owner.

19 (B) Every person, firm, or corporation purchasing frozen
20 desserts in cans and shipping bags which are to be returned to the
21 manufacturer shall cause the cans to be washed and cleaned as soon as
22 emptied, and the bags stored in a dry place, or returned at once;

23 (13) Samples of Frozen Desserts. To take samples of frozen
24 desserts, ice cream, or other frozen dairy products for official testing at
25 the factory where desserts are frozen or from an unopened container of frozen
26 desserts or other frozen dairy products, according to a method approved by
27 the AOAC International or the American Dairy Science Association; and

28 (14) Containers Used for Other Purposes. To forbid and prevent
29 the sale or storage of milk, cream, or other dairy products in milk or cream
30 cans which have previously contained kerosene, gasoline, turpentine, oil, or
31 products or byproducts of a similar nature;

32 (15) Dairy Product Definitions and Standards of Identity and
33 Labeling Requirements.

34 (A) To adopt the definitions and standards of identity for
35 milk, milk products, cheeses, and frozen desserts found at 21 C.F.R., Parts
36 131, 133, and 135, and to adopt any amendments or additions made thereunder.

1 The board may adopt definitions and standards of identity of milk products,
2 cheeses, and frozen desserts if they are not found at 21 C.F.R. All packages
3 enclosing milk, milk products, cheeses, and frozen desserts shall be labeled
4 in accordance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Fair
5 Packaging and Labeling Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

6 (B) Provided, that the board shall not change, correct,
7 adopt, or promulgate rules or regulations or other health code standards
8 pertaining to the dairy industry of Arkansas, as defined in this section,
9 until such changes have been reviewed by active Arkansas milk producers
10 marketing agents, herein referred to as the "agents", and by the Arkansas
11 Dairy Products Association, hereinafter referred to as the "association", in
12 regular or especially called meetings of the agents and the association, or
13 the governing bodies thereof. However, if meetings of the agents and the
14 association are not held within thirty (30) days after a written notice by
15 the board of intent to change, correct, adopt, or promulgate rules and
16 regulations, the review of the agents and the association shall be deemed
17 waived.

18 (C) Notice as required by this subsection shall be given
19 in writing by ordinary mail, or be hand delivered, to the agents and to the
20 Director of the Arkansas Dairy Products Association.

21 (D) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or
22 the board may change, correct, adopt, or promulgate rules and regulations
23 pertaining to the dairy industry of Arkansas in times of emergency or natural
24 disaster without notice to the agents and the association.

25 (E) As used in this subchapter, the term "dairy industry
26 of Arkansas" means Grade "A" milk plants, milk manufacturing plants, ice
27 cream plants, milk producers, milk producer-distributors, milk haulers, milk
28 distributors, dairy farms, receiving stations, and transfer stations.

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30 SECTION 226. Arkansas Code § 20-59-206(b), concerning a dairy plant
31 license, is amended to read as follows:

32 (b) Every person buying or receiving milk, cream, or dairy products
33 for manufacturing, processing, or packaging shall be required to procure from
34 the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health an annual dairy plant
35 license for each location where milk, cream, or dairy products are received
36 for the purpose of manufacturing, processing, or packaging.

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2 SECTION 227. Arkansas Code § 20-59-207(b), concerning the frozen
3 dessert manufacturer's license, is amended to read as follows:

4 (b) Any person making frozen dessert for sale shall be required to
5 procure from the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health an annual
6 frozen dessert manufacturer's license for each location or plant where frozen
7 dessert is manufactured.

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9 SECTION 228. Arkansas Code § 20-59-210(b), concerning a sampler and
10 grader license, is amended to read as follows:

11 (b) Applications to become a licensed sampler and grader shall be made
12 to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health upon such forms as he
13 or she may prescribe.

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15 SECTION 229. Arkansas Code § 20-59-210(e), concerning a sampler and
16 grader license, is amended to read as follows:

17 (e) In order to qualify for a license, the applicant shall satisfy the
18 ~~director~~ secretary, either by a written examination or otherwise, that he or
19 she is honest and competent to do sampling work.

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21 SECTION 230. Arkansas Code § 20-59-211(b), concerning the milk tester
22 license and fee, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b) Application to become a licensed milk tester shall be made to the
24 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health upon such forms as the
25 ~~director~~ secretary may prescribe.

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27 SECTION 231. Arkansas Code § 20-59-211(d), concerning the milk tester
28 license and fee, is amended to read as follows:

29 (d) If the applicant shall be found upon examination to be qualified
30 and competent, the ~~director~~ secretary shall issue to him or her a license.

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32 SECTION 232. Arkansas Code § 20-59-226 is amended to read as follows:

33 20-59-226. Unlawful acts – Removing label of health officer.

34 It shall be unlawful to remove or deface any tags or labels which have
35 been attached by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or
36 her deputies to a receptacle containing cream, milk, or other dairy products.

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SECTION 233. Arkansas Code § 20-59-232 is amended to read as follows:

20-59-232. Unlawful acts – Records of cream buyers – Monthly reports.

It shall be unlawful for all cream buyers to purchase cream without keeping a careful record of all cream bought as first grade and second grade, and they shall render the report regularly to the creamery or factory receiving the cream. Creameries shall report the above information monthly, together with other cream purchase reports to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health on forms furnished them.

SECTION 234. Arkansas Code § 20-59-234 is amended to read as follows:

20-59-234. Unlawful acts – Operation without permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to operate a dairy products plant, including milk and cream stations, or freeze or manufacture frozen desserts, or operate a condensery depot within the State of Arkansas without having first secured a permit, except as provided for in § 20-59-244, signed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health and bearing the seal of his or her office. The permit shall be displayed conspicuously at the place of business.

SECTION 235. Arkansas Code § 20-59-243 is amended to read as follows:

20-59-243. Unlawful acts – Graded milk.

It shall be unlawful to label, sell, or offer for sale any milk as graded milk unless the grade is officially awarded by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health having jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of the United States Public Health Service Standard Milk Ordinance and Code.

SECTION 236. Arkansas Code § 20-59-244 is amended to read as follows:

20-59-244. Unlawful acts – Pasteurized milk – Permit.

It shall be unlawful to label, sell, or offer for sale as pasteurized any milk unless it has been pasteurized in accordance with the provisions of the United States Public Health Service Standard Milk Ordinance and Code under a permit issued by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health. However, no permit shall be required where plants are operating under permit from a municipality enforcing the United States Public Health Service

1 Standard Milk Ordinance and Code.

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3 SECTION 237. Arkansas Code § 20-59-246(a), concerning a manufacturing
4 milk permit, is amended to read as follows:

5 (a) Every dairy which produces milk or cream to be used for
6 manufacturing purposes shall be required to procure from the ~~Director~~
7 Secretary of the Department of Health a manufacturing milk permit.

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9 SECTION 238. Arkansas Code § 20-59-303(c), concerning enforcement by
10 the State Board of Health, is amended to read as follows:

11 (c) However, any aggrieved party shall have the right to apply to the
12 circuit court in the county of his or her residence for a review of any
13 summary action on the part of the board or its agents. For this purpose,
14 service of process upon the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health at
15 any place in this state shall constitute a valid service in the application
16 for review.

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18 SECTION 239. Arkansas Code § 20-59-305(a), concerning the requirement
19 for a production permit for mellorine, is amended to read as follows:

20 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to
21 operate a plant producing, manufacturing, processing, freezing, or packaging
22 mellorine or mellorine mix without having first secured a permit signed by
23 the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health and bearing the seal of
24 his or her office. The permit shall be displayed conspicuously at the place
25 of business.

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27 SECTION 240. Arkansas Code § 20-59-305(d), concerning the requirement
28 for a production permit for mellorine, is amended to read as follows:

29 (d) The ~~director~~ secretary shall collect for the permits, and all
30 funds collected by the ~~director~~ secretary under the provisions of this
31 subchapter shall be deposited into the State Treasury.

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33 SECTION 241. Arkansas Code § 20-59-404(b), concerning inspection fees
34 under the Grade "A" Milk and Milk Products Inspection and Regulation Program,
35 is amended to read as follows:

36 (b) If any person fails, neglects, or refuses to pay the above fee and

1 is delinquent for a period of thirty (30) days, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
2 Department of Health is directed and empowered to prohibit the person from
3 distributing, hauling, selling, or otherwise handling Grade "A" milk or milk
4 products in the state and shall suspend his or her permit and withdraw all
5 inspection service from the establishment until fees are paid in full.

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7 SECTION 242. Arkansas Code § 20-59-506(b)(2), concerning the review of
8 proposed rules concerning the Grade "A" milk industry, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 (2) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health and the
11 board may adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the Grade "A" milk
12 industry of this state in times of emergency or natural disaster without
13 notice to the committee.

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15 SECTION 243. Arkansas Code § 20-60-204(a) and (b), concerning
16 regulation of labeling, sanitary standards, practices, and procedures for
17 livestock producers, are amended to read as follows:

18 (a)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall, by
19 regulation and under such conditions as to labeling, sanitary standards,
20 practices, and procedures as he or she may prescribe, exempt from specific
21 provisions of this subchapter:

22 (A) Livestock producers with respect to livestock
23 carcasses and parts thereof, and meat food products, processed by them from
24 livestock of their own raising on their own farms and used by them for
25 personal or private consumption, but in no instance where the product is to
26 be offered or used for public consumption;

27 (B) Any person engaged in slaughtering livestock or
28 processing livestock carcasses or parts thereof or meat food products for
29 intrastate commerce and the articles so processed by the person, whenever the
30 ~~director~~ secretary determines that it would be impracticable to provide
31 inspection and that the exemption will aid in the effective administration of
32 this subchapter;

33 (C) Persons slaughtering livestock or otherwise processing
34 or handling livestock carcasses or parts thereof, or meat food products,
35 which have been or are to be processed as required by recognized religious
36 dietary laws, to the extent that the ~~director~~ secretary determines is

1 necessary to avoid conflict with the requirements while still effectuating
2 the purposes of this subchapter; and

3 (D) Any establishment engaged in slaughtering livestock or
4 processing livestock carcasses or parts thereof, or meat food products for
5 intrastate commerce, and the articles so processed by the establishment when
6 the establishment is subject to inspection under a city ordinance which sets
7 standards in conformity with the minimum standards determined by the ~~director~~
8 secretary.

9 (2) The ~~director~~ secretary may, by order, suspend or terminate
10 any exemption under this section with respect to any person whenever he or
11 she finds that the action will aid in effectuating the purposes of this
12 subchapter.

13 (b) This subchapter shall not apply to any act or transaction subject
14 to regulation under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, where the standards
15 required under the federal act are in conformity with the minimum standards
16 determined by the ~~director~~ secretary.

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18 SECTION 244. Arkansas Code § 20-60-204(c)(3)(A), concerning regulation
19 of labeling, sanitary standards, practices, and procedures for livestock
20 producers, is amended to read as follows:

21 (A) The custom establishment must comply with the
22 regulations which the ~~director~~ secretary is authorized to promulgate to
23 assure that any carcasses, parts thereof, meat, or meat food products
24 prepared or any containers or packages containing uninspected, exempted
25 custom products are separated at all times from inspected carcasses, parts
26 thereof, or meat, or meat food products prepared for sale;

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28 SECTION 245. Arkansas Code § 20-60-205(d), concerning the penalties
29 for violating the Arkansas Meat and Meat Products Inspection Act, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 (d) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as requiring the
32 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health to report violations of this
33 subchapter for criminal prosecution whenever the ~~director~~ secretary believes
34 that the public interest will be adequately served and compliance with this
35 subchapter obtained by a suitable written notice of warning.

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1 SECTION 246. Arkansas Code § 20-60-206 is amended to read as follows:
2 20-60-206. ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health – Powers and
3 duties.

4 (a)(1) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall
5 promulgate such rules and regulations and appoint such veterinarians and
6 other qualified personnel as are necessary to carry out the purposes or
7 provisions of this subchapter. The rules and regulations shall be in
8 conformity with the rules and regulations under the Federal Meat Inspection
9 Act as now in effect and with subsequent amendments thereof unless they are
10 considered by the ~~director~~ secretary as not to be in accord with the
11 objectives of this subchapter.

12 (2) Notice of proposed rules and regulations shall be given all
13 establishments licensed under this subchapter. A hearing shall be called by
14 the ~~director~~ secretary at which proponents and opponents of the proposed
15 rules and regulations shall be given the opportunity to present arguments
16 supporting their positions. The time, place, and procedure for the hearing
17 shall be determined by the ~~director~~ secretary. No proposed rules and
18 regulations shall become effective until after the hearing.

19 (b) The ~~director~~ secretary may cooperate with the United States
20 Government in carrying out the provisions of this subchapter and the Federal
21 Meat Inspection Act.

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23 SECTION 247. Arkansas Code § 20-60-208(a), concerning an application
24 for a license or exemption for meat food processing, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (a) Applications for inspection or exemption shall be made on forms
27 furnished by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.

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29 SECTION 248. Arkansas Code § 20-60-208(d), concerning an application
30 for a license or exemption for meat food processing, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 (d) Before any license is issued, an inspection shall be made by the
33 ~~director~~ secretary to determine the acceptability of the establishment to do
34 business as desired by the applicant in his or her application for license or
35 exemption.

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1 SECTION 249. Arkansas Code § 20-60-209 is amended to read as follows:
2 20-60-209. Inspection and sanitary practices required.

3 (a) Each official establishment at which livestock are slaughtered or
4 livestock carcasses or parts thereof or meat food products are processed for
5 intrastate commerce shall have the premises, facilities, and equipment
6 inspected and shall be operated in accordance with such sanitary practices as
7 are required by rules or regulations prescribed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of
8 the Department of Health for the purpose of preventing the entry into and
9 movement in commerce of carcasses, parts thereof, and meat food products
10 which are unwholesome or adulterated.

11 (b) No livestock carcasses or parts thereof, or meat food product,
12 shall be admitted into any official establishment unless they have been
13 prepared only under inspection pursuant to this subchapter or the Federal
14 Meat Inspection Act or their admission is permitted by rules or regulations
15 prescribed by the ~~director~~ secretary under this subchapter.

16 (c) The ~~director~~ secretary shall refuse to render inspection to any
17 establishment whose premises, facilities, or equipment, or the operation
18 thereof, fail to meet the requirements of this section.

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20 SECTION 250. Arkansas Code § 20-60-210(a)-(c), concerning inspection
21 procedures for the commerce of livestock carcasses, are amended to read as
22 follows:

23 (a) For the purpose of preventing the entry into or movement in
24 intrastate commerce of any livestock carcass, part thereof, or meat food
25 product which is unwholesome or adulterated and is intended for or capable of
26 use as human food, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall,
27 where and to the extent considered by him or her necessary, cause to be made
28 by inspectors antemortem inspection of livestock in any official
29 establishment where livestock are slaughtered for such commerce.

30 (b) For the purpose stated in subsection (a) of this section, the
31 ~~director~~ secretary, whenever slaughtering or other processing operations are
32 being conducted, shall cause to be made by inspectors postmortem inspection
33 of the carcasses and parts thereof of each animal slaughtered in any official
34 establishment. He or she shall cause to be made by inspectors an inspection
35 of all meat food products processed in any official establishment in which
36 meat food products are processed for intrastate commerce.

1 (c) The ~~director~~ secretary shall also cause, at any time, such
2 quarantine, segregation, and reinspection of livestock, livestock carcasses,
3 and parts thereof, and meat food products in official establishments as he or
4 she deems necessary to effectuate the purposes of this subchapter.

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6 SECTION 251. Arkansas Code § 20-60-211 is amended to read as follows:

7 20-60-211. Withdrawal and denial of inspection.

8 (a) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may withdraw or
9 otherwise deny inspection under this subchapter with respect to any
10 establishment for such period as he or she deems necessary to effectuate the
11 purposes of this subchapter for any violation of the subchapter or any
12 requirements thereunder by the operation of the establishment.

13 (b)(1) However, before a withdrawal or denial of inspection is
14 ordered, the ~~director~~ secretary shall give the affected establishment an
15 opportunity for a hearing at which the establishment may present evidence
16 that it has not violated the subchapter or any requirements thereunder.

17 (2) The hearing shall be held after notice to the establishment
18 in such manner as the ~~director~~ secretary shall determine by his or her rules
19 and regulations.

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21 SECTION 252. Arkansas Code § 20-60-212(a), concerning the cost of
22 inspection for overtime or holiday work, is amended to read as follows:

23 (a) The cost of inspection rendered under this subchapter shall be
24 borne by this state. The cost of overtime and holiday work performed in
25 establishments subject to the provisions of this subchapter at such rates as
26 the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may determine shall be
27 borne and paid by the establishments. An inspector performing overtime and
28 holiday work shall be treated as though he or she were on compensatory leave
29 at such compensation as shall equal the rates set by the ~~director~~ secretary.

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31 SECTION 253. Arkansas Code § 20-60-213(a)(4), concerning the labeling
32 and marking of meat or meat food products, is amended to read as follows:

33 (4) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may by
34 rules or regulations require additional marks or label information to appear
35 on livestock carcasses or parts thereof or meat food products when they leave
36 the official establishments or at the time of their transportation or sale in

1 this state. He or she may permit reasonable variations and grant exemptions
2 from the marking and labeling requirements of this section in any number not
3 in conflict with the purposes of this subchapter.
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5 SECTION 254. Arkansas Code § 20-60-213(c), concerning the labeling and
6 marking of meat or meat food products, is amended to read as follows:

7 (c)(1) No livestock carcasses or parts thereof or meat food products
8 inspected or required to be inspected pursuant to the provisions of this
9 subchapter shall be sold or offered for sale by any person, firm, or
10 corporation under any false or deceptive name, but established trade names
11 which are usual to the articles and which are not false or deceptive and
12 which are approved by the ~~director~~ secretary are permitted.

13 (2) If the ~~director~~ secretary has reason to believe that any
14 advertising or any label in use or prepared for use is false or misleading in
15 any particular, he or she may direct that the use of the advertising or label
16 be withheld unless it is modified in such manner as he or she may prescribe
17 so that it will not be false or misleading.

18 (3) If the person using or proposing to use any advertising or
19 the label does not accept the determination of the ~~director~~ secretary, he or
20 she may request a hearing, but the use of the advertising or the label shall,
21 if the ~~director~~ secretary so directs, be withheld pending hearing and final
22 determination by the ~~director~~ secretary.

23 (4) Any determination by the ~~director~~ secretary shall be
24 conclusive unless within thirty (30) days after the receipt of notice of the
25 final determination, the person adversely affected thereby appeals to the
26 Pulaski County Circuit Court.
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28 SECTION 255. Arkansas Code § 20-60-214(3), concerning prohibited acts
29 under the Arkansas Meat and Meat Products Inspection Act, is amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (3) Falsely making or issuing, altering, forging, simulating,
32 counterfeiting, or using without proper authority any official inspection
33 certificate, memorandum, mark, or other identification, or device for making
34 a mark or identification, used in connection with inspection under this
35 subchapter; or causing, procuring, aiding, assisting in, or being a party to
36 false making, issuing, altering, forging, simulating, counterfeiting, or

1 unauthorized use; or knowingly possessing, without promptly notifying the
2 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her representative,
3 uttering, publishing, or using as true, or causing to be uttered, published,
4 or used as true, any falsely made or issued, altered, forged, simulated, or
5 counterfeited official inspection certificate, memorandum, mark, or other
6 identification, or device for making a mark or identification; or
7 representing that any article has been officially inspected under the
8 authority of this subchapter when the article has in fact not been so
9 inspected; or knowingly making any false representation in any certificate
10 prescribed by the ~~director~~ secretary in rules or regulations under this
11 subchapter or any form resembling the certificate;

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13 SECTION 256. Arkansas Code § 20-60-214(7), concerning prohibited acts
14 under the Arkansas Meat and Meat Products Inspection Act, is amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (7) The refusal to permit access by any authorized
17 representative of the ~~director~~ secretary at all reasonable times to the
18 premises of an establishment in this state at which livestock are slaughtered
19 or the carcasses or parts thereof or meat food products are processed for
20 intrastate commerce upon presentation of appropriate credentials;

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22 SECTION 257. Arkansas Code § 20-60-214(10), concerning prohibited acts
23 under the Arkansas Meat and Meat Products Inspection Act, is amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (10) Delivering, receiving, transporting, selling, or offering
26 for sale or transportation in intrastate commerce for human consumption any
27 livestock carcass or part thereof or meat food product which has been
28 processed in violation of any requirements under this subchapter except as
29 may be authorized by and pursuant to rules and regulations prescribed by the
30 ~~director~~ secretary;

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32 SECTION 258. Arkansas Code § 20-60-215(a), concerning records under
33 the Arkansas Meat and Meat Products Inspection Act, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 (a) For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this subchapter,
36 persons engaged in this state in the business of processing for intrastate

1 commerce or transporting, shipping, or receiving in commerce livestock
2 slaughtered for human consumption or meat or meat food products, or holding
3 articles so received, shall maintain the records as the ~~Director~~ Secretary of
4 the Department of Health by regulation may require, showing, to the extent
5 that they are concerned therewith, the receipt, delivery, sale, movement, or
6 disposition of the articles and shall, upon the request of an authorized
7 representative of the ~~director~~ secretary, permit him or her at reasonable
8 times to have access to and to copy all the records.

9
10 SECTION 259. Arkansas Code § 20-60-303 is amended to read as follows:

11 20-60-303. Regulatory authority of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
12 Department of Health.

13 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall promulgate
14 such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes and
15 provisions of this subchapter.

16
17 SECTION 260. Arkansas Code § 20-60-306 is amended to read as follows:

18 20-60-306. Acceptance service – Cost.

19 The cost of providing the acceptance service and ensuing certification
20 shall be borne and paid by the seller, slaughterer or processor, or vendor or
21 merchant requesting the service at such rate as the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
22 Department of Health may determine as being necessary to defer the cost of
23 this service.

24
25 SECTION 261. Arkansas Code § 20-64-203 is amended to read as follows:

26 20-64-203. Manufacturers and wholesalers.

27 No person shall manufacture, compound, mix, cultivate, grow, or by any
28 other process produce or prepare narcotic drugs, and no person as a
29 wholesaler shall supply the same, without having first obtained a license so
30 to do from the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health.

31
32 SECTION 262. Arkansas Code § 20-64-204 is amended to read as follows:

33 20-64-204. Qualification for licenses.

34 No license shall be issued under § 20-64-203 unless and until the
35 applicant therefor has furnished proof satisfactory to the ~~Director~~ Secretary
36 of the Department of Health:

1 (a) That the applicant is of good moral character or, if the
2 applicant be an association or corporation, that the managing officers are of
3 good moral character;

4 (b) That the applicant is equipped as to land, buildings, and
5 paraphernalia properly to carry on the business described in his application.
6 No license shall be granted to any person who has within five (5) years been
7 convicted of a willful violation of any law of the United States, or of any
8 state, relating to opium, coca leaves, or other narcotic drugs, or to any
9 person who is a narcotic drug addict. The ~~director~~ secretary may suspend or
10 revoke any license for cause.

11
12 SECTION 263. Arkansas Code § 20-64-205(3), concerning a sale on
13 written orders to dispense narcotic drugs under the Uniform Narcotic Drug
14 Act, is amended to read as follows:

15 (3) Use of Official Written Orders. An official written order
16 for any narcotic drug shall be signed in quadruplicate by the person giving
17 said order or his duly authorized agent. The original shall be presented to
18 the person who sells or dispenses the narcotic drug or drugs named therein,
19 and one (1) copy shall be sent to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
20 Health not later than the 10th of the month following the month during which
21 the order was made. In event of the acceptance of such order by said person,
22 each party to the transaction shall preserve his copy of such order for a
23 period of two (2) years in such a way as to be readily accessible for
24 inspection by any public officer or employee engaged in the enforcement of
25 this subchapter. It shall be deemed a compliance with this subsection if the
26 parties to the transaction have complied with the federal narcotic laws,
27 respecting the requirements governing the use of order forms, and the
28 purchaser has sent a signed copy of the order to the ~~director~~ secretary as
29 aforesaid.

30
31 SECTION 264. Arkansas Code § 20-64-206(1), concerning sales by
32 apothecaries under the Uniform Narcotic Drug Act, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 (1) An apothecary, in good faith, may sell and dispense narcotic drugs
35 to any person upon a written prescription or an oral prescription in
36 pursuance to regulations, promulgated by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the

1 Department of Health under authority of § 20-64-219, of a physician, dentist,
2 or veterinarian, dated and signed by the person prescribing on the day when
3 issued and bearing the full name and address of the patient for whom, or the
4 owner of the animal for which, the drug is dispensed, and the full name,
5 address, and registry number under the federal narcotic laws of the person
6 prescribing. If the prescription is for an animal, it shall state the species
7 of animal for which the drug is prescribed. The person filling the
8 prescription shall write the date of filling and his own signature on the
9 face of the prescription. The prescription shall be retained on file by the
10 proprietor of the pharmacy in which it is filled for a period of two (2)
11 years, so as to be readily accessible for inspection by any public officer or
12 employee engaged in the enforcement of this subchapter. The prescription must
13 not be refilled.

14
15 SECTION 265. Arkansas Code § 20-64-208(a)(1), concerning preparations
16 exempted under the Uniform Narcotic Drug Act, is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) Administering, dispensing, or selling at retail any drug
18 subject to this subchapter under any circumstances that the ~~Director~~
19 Secretary of the Department of Health determines, after reasonable notice and
20 opportunity for hearing, not to be dangerous to the public health, or
21 promotive of addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining results upon the user,
22 or harmful to the public health, safety, or morals, and by order so
23 proclaims. In arriving at his determination, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
24 Department of Health shall consult with the Drug Enforcement Administration
25 of the Treasury Department of the United States and give due weight to its
26 investigations and determinations;

27
28 SECTION 266. Arkansas Code § 20-64-209(5), concerning records to be
29 kept under the Uniform Narcotic Drug Act, is amended to read as follows:

30 (5) Form and Preservation of Records. The form of records shall
31 be prescribed by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health. The
32 record of narcotic drugs received shall in every case show the date of
33 receipt, the name and address of the person from whom received, and the kind
34 and quantity of drugs received; the kind and quantity of narcotic drugs
35 produced or removed from process of manufacturer, and the date of such
36 production or removal from process of manufacturer; and the record shall in

1 every case show the proportion of morphine, cocaine, or ecgonine contained in
2 or producible from crude opium or coca leaves received or produced. The
3 record of all narcotic drugs sold, administered, dispensed, or otherwise
4 disposed of shall show the date of selling, administering, or dispensing, the
5 name and address of the person to whom, or for whose use, or the owner and
6 species of animal for which the drugs were sold, administered, or dispensed,
7 and the kind and quantity of drugs. Every such record shall be kept for a
8 period of two (2) years from the date of the transaction recorded. The
9 keeping of a record required by or under the federal narcotic laws,
10 containing substantially the same information as is specified above, shall
11 constitute compliance with this section, except that every such record shall
12 contain a detailed list of narcotic drugs lost, destroyed, or stolen, if any,
13 the kind and quantity of such drugs, and the date of the discovery of such
14 loss, destruction, or theft.

15
16 SECTION 267. Arkansas Code § 20-64-214 is amended to read as follows:

17 20-64-214. Narcotic drugs to be delivered to state official, etc.

18 Upon delivery to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health of
19 any narcotic drugs discarded by the owner thereof or other person entitled to
20 the possession or custody thereof, and upon the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
21 Department of Health delivering to such person an itemized receipt therefor,
22 the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health is empowered to destroy
23 such narcotic drugs; provided, that the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department
24 of Health shall keep for a period of three (3) years from the date of
25 destruction a record of such transaction, showing the name and address of the
26 person delivering the narcotic drugs, an itemized description thereof, the
27 date and place of delivery, and the date of destruction.

28 All narcotic drugs, the lawful possession of which is not established or the
29 title to which cannot be ascertained, which have come into the custody of a
30 peace officer, shall be forfeited, and disposed of as follows:

31 (a) Except as in this section otherwise provided, the court or
32 magistrate having jurisdiction shall order such narcotic drugs forfeited and
33 destroyed. A record of the place where said drugs were seized, of the kinds
34 and quantities of drugs so destroyed, and of the time, place, and manner of
35 destruction shall be kept, and a return under oath, reporting said
36 destruction, shall be made to the court or magistrate and to the Director of

1 the Drug Enforcement Administration by the officer who destroys them;

2 (b) Upon written application by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
3 Department of Health, the court or magistrate by whom the forfeiture of
4 narcotic drugs has been decreed may order the delivery of any of them except
5 heroin and its salts and derivatives, to said ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
6 Department of Health, for distribution or destruction, as hereinafter
7 provided;

8 (c) Upon application by any hospital within this state not operated
9 for private gain, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health may in
10 his discretion deliver any narcotic drugs that have come into his custody by
11 authority of this section to the applicant for medicinal use. The ~~Director~~
12 Secretary of the Department of Health may from time to time deliver excess
13 stocks of such narcotic drugs to the Director of the Drug Enforcement
14 Administration or may destroy the same;

15 (d) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall keep a
16 full and complete record of all drugs received and of all drugs disposed of,
17 showing the exact kinds, quantities, and forms of such drugs; the persons
18 from whom received and to whom delivered; by whose authority received,
19 delivered, and destroyed; and the dates of the receipt, disposal, or
20 destruction, which record shall be open to inspection by all federal and
21 state officers charged with the enforcement of federal and state narcotic
22 laws.

23
24 SECTION 268. Arkansas Code § 20-64-219 is amended to read as follows:
25 20-64-219. Enforcement and cooperation.

26 It is hereby made the duty of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department
27 of Health, his officers, agents, inspectors, and representatives, and of all
28 peace officers within the state, and of all prosecuting attorneys, to enforce
29 all provisions of this subchapter, except those specifically designated, and
30 to cooperate with all agencies charged with the enforcement of the laws of
31 the United States, of this state, and of all other states, relating to
32 narcotic drugs.

33 The authority to promulgate regulations for the efficient enforcement
34 of this act is hereby vested in the ~~director~~ secretary. The ~~director~~
35 secretary is hereby authorized to make the regulations promulgated under this
36 subchapter conform insofar as possible under the standards established herein

1 and under the policies of this subchapter with those regulations promulgated
2 under the federal Narcotic Act.

3
4 SECTION 269. Arkansas Code § 20-64-303 is amended to read as follows:

5 20-64-303. Minor violations of subchapter.

6 Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as requiring the State
7 Board of Health to report for the institution of proceedings under this
8 subchapter minor violations of this subchapter whenever the ~~Director~~
9 Secretary of the Department of Health believes that the public interest will
10 be adequately served in the circumstances by a suitable written notice or
11 warning.

12
13 SECTION 270. Arkansas Code § 20-64-308 is amended to read as follows:

14 20-64-308. Seizure and forfeiture of contraband – Hearing and
15 disposition.

16 (a)(1) When an article, drug, or other thing is seized and forfeited
17 under the provisions of § 20-64-307, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department
18 of Health or his or her authorized agent shall, within five (5) days
19 thereafter, publish in a newspaper having a statewide circulation a notice
20 containing a list of the articles, equipment, drugs, or other things seized,
21 the name or names of the person or persons, if known, from whom taken, and
22 the place where seized.

23 (2) The notice shall advise that the article, drug, or other
24 thing seized and forfeited will be destroyed or sold by the ~~director~~
25 secretary at the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date of publication
26 of the notice.

27 (3) Any person claiming any interest in the article, equipment,
28 drug, or other thing may, at any time within the thirty (30) days after the
29 publication of the notice, petition the ~~director~~ secretary for a hearing to
30 be held in the ~~director's~~ secretary's office in Little Rock.

31 (4) The ~~director~~ secretary shall set a date for the hearing not
32 later than ten (10) days after receiving the written request at which time
33 witnesses shall be sworn and evidence shall be taken.

34 (5) Within fifteen (15) days after such hearing, the ~~director~~
35 secretary shall enter his or her written findings of fact and order upon the
36 testimony so presented.

1 (6) The findings of fact and order of the ~~director~~ secretary may
2 be appealed to the Pulaski County Circuit Court by lodging with the court
3 within fifteen (15) days after the ~~director's~~ secretary's order has been
4 entered a transcript of record of the hearing held before the ~~director~~
5 secretary. The circuit court shall hear no new evidence on such appeal and
6 shall render its judgment only on errors of law.

7 (7) An appeal from the judgment of the circuit court may be
8 taken to the Supreme Court.

9 (b)(1) If the ~~director~~ secretary receives no written petition for a
10 hearing within thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of notice as
11 provided in this section, the ~~director~~ secretary shall, in his or her
12 discretion, proceed to take bids on the article, equipment, drug, or other
13 things seized and forfeited under § 20-64-307 and shall sell them to the
14 highest bidder, or he or she may destroy the articles, equipment, drugs, or
15 other things and shall preserve a written record thereof for two (2) years.

16 (2) The proceeds for the sale of the articles, drugs, or other
17 things shall be deposited with the Treasurer of State as nonrevenue receipts
18 for credit to the State Apportionment Fund as general revenues to be
19 distributed for the respective purposes as provided by law.

20
21 SECTION 271. Arkansas Code § 20-64-316 is amended to read as follows:

22 20-64-316. Authority of Department of Health employees to investigate,
23 examine, and inspect.

24 Any officer or employee of the Department of Health designated by the
25 ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health to conduct examinations,
26 investigations, or inspections under this subchapter relating to depressant
27 or stimulant drugs or to counterfeit drugs may, when so authorized by the
28 ~~director~~ secretary:

29 (1) Carry firearms;
30 (2) Execute and serve search warrants and arrest warrants;
31 (3) Execute seizure by process issued pursuant to §§ 20-64-307
32 and 20-64-308;

33 (4) Make arrests without warrant for offenses under this
34 subchapter with respect to drugs if the offense is committed in his or her
35 presence; and

36 (5) Make seizures of drugs or containers or equipment, punches,

1 dies, plates, stone, labeling, or other things, if they are, or he or she has
2 reasonable grounds to believe that they are, subject to seizure and
3 condemnation under §§ 20-64-307 and 20-64-308.

4
5 SECTION 272. Arkansas Code § 20-64-503(4), concerning the definition
6 of "controlled substance" under the laws concerning controlled substances and
7 legend drugs, is amended to read as follows:

8 (4) "Controlled substance" means those substances, drugs, or
9 immediate precursors listed in Schedules I through VI of the Uniform
10 Controlled Substances Act, § 5-64-101 et seq., and revised by the ~~Director~~
11 Secretary of the Department of Health pursuant to his or her authority under
12 §§ 5-64-214 – 5-64-216;

13
14 SECTION 273. Arkansas Code § 20-77-1607(b)(4), concerning the Advisory
15 Council to the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (4) The ~~Commissioner of Education~~ Secretary of the Department of
18 Education shall appoint one (1) member;

19
20 SECTION 274. Arkansas Code § 20-78-206(a)(1)(B), concerning the rules
21 of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (B) In developing proposed rules, the division shall
24 consult with the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or his or her
25 designated representative in regard to rules relating to health.

26
27 SECTION 275. Arkansas Code § 20-78-206(a)(3), concerning the rules of
28 the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education, is amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (3) The ~~director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health and the
31 ~~commissioner~~ Secretary of the Department of Education and their designated
32 representatives are directed to cooperate with and assist the division in
33 developing rules and regulations in the respective areas of health and
34 education.

35
36 SECTION 276. Arkansas Code § 20-78-703(b)(1), concerning the Rita

1 Rowell Hale Prenatal and Early Childhood Nurse Home Visitation Program
2 Advisory Council, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) Three (3) members from the Department of Health to be
4 appointed by the Governor after consulting the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
5 Department of Health and subject to confirmation by the Senate;

6
7 SECTION 277. Arkansas Code § 20-78-708 is amended to read as follows:
8 20-78-708. Funding.

9 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health is authorized to
10 utilize available general revenue savings and allowable federal funds in
11 support of the activities described in this subchapter in the event that
12 sufficient funds are not allocated for the Rita Rowell Hale Prenatal and
13 Early Childhood Nurse Home Visitation Program herein. The ~~director~~ secretary
14 is authorized to transfer appropriations and funds as necessary but only for
15 the purposes provided in this subchapter. Upon approval of the Chief Fiscal
16 Officer of the State and review by the Legislative Council, the transfers
17 shall be made upon the books of the Department of Finance and Administration,
18 the Auditor of State, and the Treasurer of State.

19
20 SECTION 278. Arkansas Code § 23-79-1201(3)(B), concerning the
21 definition of "persons at high risk for colorectal cancer" under the laws
22 governing coverage for colorectal cancer screening, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (B) Any additional or expanded definition of "persons at
25 high risk for colorectal cancer" as recognized by medical science and
26 determined by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health in
27 consultation with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

28
29 SECTION 279. Arkansas Code § 23-79-1202(d)(1)(B), concerning coverage
30 for colorectal cancer examinations, is amended to read as follows:

31 (B) Any additional medically recognized screening tests
32 for colorectal cancer required by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of
33 Health, determined in consultation with appropriate healthcare organizations.

34
35 SECTION 280. Arkansas Code § 23-99-702(2), concerning the definition
36 of "director" under the laws establishing grievance systems and quality

1 assessment and improvement systems, is amended to read as follows:

2 (2) "~~Director~~ Secretary" means the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the
3 Department of Health;

4
5 SECTION 281. Arkansas Code § 23-99-703(b)(2), concerning a health
6 carrier network grievance system, is amended to read as follows:

7 (2) Submit in the form and manner prescribed by the ~~Director~~
8 Secretary of the Department of Health a periodic report which shall include:

9 (A) A written description of the processes and procedures
10 for resolving grievances; and

11 (B) The total number of grievances handled through the
12 grievance system, including a compilation of the dates of the grievances, the
13 reason for the grievances, and resolutions of each grievance.

14
15 SECTION 282. Arkansas Code § 23-99-703(c), concerning a health carrier
16 network grievance system, is amended to read as follows:

17 (c) In consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, the ~~director~~
18 secretary may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the
19 Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., to carry out the
20 provisions of this subchapter to enable the state to be properly informed of
21 quality issues within the state and to adequately respond to any quality
22 concerns expressed through grievances.

23
24 SECTION 283. Arkansas Code § 23-99-704(a)(3), concerning health
25 carrier quality assessment and improvement systems, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (3) Submit to the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
28 in the time, manner, and form prescribed the following information:

29 (A) A written description of any quality assessment and
30 quality improvement systems; and

31 (B) Findings of relevant quality data as determined by the
32 ~~director~~ secretary.

33
34 SECTION 284. Arkansas Code § 23-99-704(b), concerning health carrier
35 quality assessment and improvement systems, is amended to read as follows:

36 (b) In consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, the ~~director~~

1 secretary may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the
2 Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq., to carry out the
3 provisions of this subchapter to enable the state to be properly informed of
4 quality issues within the state and to adequately respond to any quality
5 concerns found through the outcome data.

6
7 SECTION 285. Arkansas Code § 23-99-705(b), concerning the
8 applicability and scope of rules regarding a health carrier, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (b) In terms of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health's
11 regulatory authority pursuant to §§ 23-99-703 and 23-99-704, such authority
12 shall apply to the quality of care provided by health carriers and networks
13 operating in this state and shall not apply to the benefits offered by any
14 health carrier and network or to the administration of such benefits.

15
16 SECTION 286. Arkansas Code § 23-99-706 is amended to read as follows:
17 23-99-706. Enforcement and penalties.

18 The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health shall have the power
19 to implement and enforce this subchapter.

20
21 SECTION 287. Arkansas Code § 25-3-104(a), concerning the members of
22 the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (a) There is established an Arkansas Natural and Cultural Heritage
25 Advisory Committee whose members shall consist of:

26 (1) The Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Arkansas
27 Heritage;

28 (2) The ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas Economic Development
29 Commission;

30 (3) The Director of State Highways and Transportation;

31 (4) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health;

32 (5) The Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Parks and
33 Tourism;

34 (6) The Director of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

35 (7) A person appointed by the Governor;

36 (8) A person appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the

1 Senate; and

2 (9) A person appointed by the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives.

4
5 SECTION 288. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 9, is repealed.

6 ~~Chapter 9—Department of Health~~

7
8 ~~25-9-101. Creation—Director—Organization—Personnel.~~

9 ~~(a)(1) There is created the Department of Health, which is to be~~
10 ~~established if the Governor orders the separation of the Division of Health~~
11 ~~of the Department of Health and Human Services from the Department of Health~~
12 ~~and Human Services.~~

13 ~~(2) Unless stated otherwise, all references in this chapter to~~
14 ~~“director” shall mean the Director of the Department of Health, if~~
15 ~~established, and otherwise the Director of the Division of Health of the~~
16 ~~Department of Health and Human Services.~~

17 ~~(b)(1)(A) The director, with the advice and consent of the Governor,~~
18 ~~shall appoint the heads of the respective units of the Division of Health of~~
19 ~~the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Health.~~

20 ~~(B) All other personnel of the Department of Health shall~~
21 ~~be employed by and shall serve at the pleasure of the director.~~

22 ~~(2) However, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to~~
23 ~~reduce any right that an employee of the Division of Health of the Department~~
24 ~~of Health and Human Services or the Department of Health has under any civil~~
25 ~~service or merit system.~~

26 ~~(c)(1) Each unit of the Department of Health shall be under the~~
27 ~~direction, control, and supervision of the director.~~

28 ~~(2) The director may delegate his or her functions, powers, and~~
29 ~~duties to various units of the Department of Health as he or she shall deem~~
30 ~~desirable and necessary for the effective and efficient operation of the~~
31 ~~Department of Health.~~

32 ~~(d)(1) The Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human~~
33 ~~Services or the Department of Health shall maintain an Office of Oral Health.~~

34 ~~(2) The Director of the Office of Oral Health shall be an~~
35 ~~experienced public health dentist licensed to practice under the Arkansas~~
36 ~~Dental Practice Act, § 17-82-101 et seq.~~

1 ~~(3) The Director of the Office of Oral Health shall:~~

2 ~~(A) Plan, direct, and coordinate all dental public health~~
3 ~~programs with other local, state, and national health programs;~~

4 ~~(B) Serve as the department's chief advisor on matters~~
5 ~~involving oral health; and~~

6 ~~(C) Plan, implement, and evaluate all oral health programs~~
7 ~~within the department.~~

8
9 ~~25-9-103. Patient care providers—Wages—Required withholding—~~
10 ~~Fringe benefits.~~

11 ~~(a) The Department of Health is authorized to pay wages and required~~
12 ~~state withholding, federal withholding, required matching, and other fringe~~
13 ~~benefits for patient care part-time intermittent contractual personnel who~~
14 ~~must be employed in order to provide services in the home.~~

15 ~~(b) These payments will be made from the appropriation for~~
16 ~~professional fees and services.~~

17
18 ~~25-9-104. Additional compensation—County Health Unit Administrators.~~

19 ~~(a) Any employee serving in the capacity of County Health Unit~~
20 ~~Administrator shall be eligible for up to ten percent (10%) of additional~~
21 ~~compensation within the grade during the period of time in which the employee~~
22 ~~occupies the position.~~

23 ~~(b) Employees on the highest level of their grade shall be eligible~~
24 ~~for additional compensation in an amount not to exceed five and one-half~~
25 ~~percent (5.5%) of their current salary upon assuming responsibility, and this~~
26 ~~amount shall not be construed as exceeding the line item maximum for the~~
27 ~~grade for that position.~~

28 ~~(c)(1) The Department of Health shall certify to the Chief Fiscal~~
29 ~~Officer of the State the assignment of duties of each employee in this~~
30 ~~position, the length of the assignment, and the location and reason for the~~
31 ~~assignment.~~

32 ~~(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall approve the~~
33 ~~request prior to the awarding of additional compensation.~~

34
35 ~~25-9-105. Home health on call and visit pay.~~

36 ~~(a) The Department of Health is hereby authorized to compensate the~~

1 following personnel responsible for providing in-home health care as
 2 necessary to maintain continuity of care outside routine working hours on
 3 weekdays and on weekends or holidays:

- 4 (1) ~~R055 Hlth Public Hlth Nursing Prog. Coord;~~
- 5 (2) ~~L082 Nursing Services Specialist;~~
- 6 (3) ~~L033 Home Health Nurse I;~~
- 7 (4) ~~L034 Home Health Nurse II;~~
- 8 (5) ~~L138 Speech Pathologist I;~~
- 9 (6) ~~L140 Speech Pathologist II;~~
- 10 (7) ~~L142 Speech Pathologist Supervisor;~~
- 11 (8) ~~L102 Physical Therapist I;~~
- 12 (9) ~~L104 Physical Therapist II;~~
- 13 (10) ~~L106 Physical Therapy Supervisor;~~
- 14 (11) ~~M086 Social Worker I;~~
- 15 (12) ~~M088 Social Worker II;~~
- 16 (13) ~~L086 Occupational Therapist I;~~
- 17 (14) ~~L088 Occupational Therapist II;~~
- 18 (15) ~~L090 Occupational Therapist Supervisor;~~
- 19 (16) ~~R056 Hlth. Pub. Hlth. Nursing Program Administrator;~~
- 20 (17) ~~L047 LPN I;~~
- 21 (18) ~~L049 LPN II;~~
- 22 (19) ~~L154 Public Hlth. Nurse I;~~
- 23 (20) ~~L156 Public Hlth. Nurse II;~~
- 24 (21) ~~L021 PH Technician II; and~~
- 25 (22) ~~L155 PH Technician I.~~

26 (b)(1) ~~Visit pay shall not exceed forty five dollars (\$45.00) per~~
 27 ~~visit.~~

28 (2) ~~Employees requested to be on-call or on standby, or both,~~
 29 ~~for visiting on nights, weekends or holidays, or both, will be eligible to~~
 30 ~~receive on-call pay not to exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day.~~

31 (3)(A) ~~Provided, however, no compensation shall be paid to any~~
 32 ~~employees required to be on-call or on standby, or both, who fail to respond~~
 33 ~~after the second notification that their services are needed.~~

34 (B) ~~In the event of equipment or paging device~~
 35 ~~malfunction, the penalty shall not apply.~~

36 (4) ~~All compensated services shall be provided as directed by~~

1 ~~the department.~~

2 ~~(5)(A) All visit and on call pay shall be paid from funds from~~
 3 ~~in home services extra salaries as appropriated in this act.~~

4 ~~(B) The compensation for visit and on call pay when added~~
 5 ~~to the employee's regular salary and benefits shall not be construed as~~
 6 ~~exceeding the maximum annual salary as described in the General Accounting~~
 7 ~~and Budgetary Procedures Law, § 19-4-101 et seq.~~

8
 9 ~~25-9-106. Community Alcohol Safety Program—Definition.~~

10 ~~(a) On or after July 1, 1999, all powers, duties, functions, records,~~
 11 ~~and funds administered or provided by other support divisions within the~~
 12 ~~Arkansas Department of Transportation for the Traffic Safety Section of the~~
 13 ~~Planning and Research Division regarding or relating to the state alcohol~~
 14 ~~program, commonly known as the "Community Alcohol Safety Program",~~
 15 ~~administered by the Arkansas Department of Transportation under the laws of~~
 16 ~~this state and transferred to the Arkansas Department of Transportation by~~
 17 ~~Acts 1989, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 153, shall be transferred by a type 2 transfer,~~
 18 ~~as defined in § 25-2-105, to the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral~~
 19 ~~Health Services of the Department of Human Services.~~

20 ~~(b) As used in this section, "funds" means all funds derived from the~~
 21 ~~State Administration of Justice Fund under § 16-10-310 for usage by the state~~
 22 ~~alcohol program, education fees paid by offenders of the Omnibus DWI or BWI~~
 23 ~~Act, § 5-65-101 et seq., and the appropriation for community alcohol safety.~~

24
 25 ~~25-9-107. Transfer of personnel under § 25-9-106.~~

26 ~~All personnel transferred from the Arkansas Department of~~
 27 ~~Transportation under § 25-9-106 are eligible for employment under this~~
 28 ~~section in a comparable position with the Division of Aging, Adult, and~~
 29 ~~Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services.~~

30
 31 SECTION 289. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 42, is repealed.

32 Chapter 42—

33 ~~Health Information Technology~~

34
 35 ~~25-42-101. Purpose.~~

36 ~~The purpose of this chapter is to:~~

1 ~~(1) Establish the Office of Health Information Technology; and~~
 2 ~~(2) Authorize the Office of Health Information Technology to~~
 3 ~~transfer to a nonprofit corporation the State Health Alliance for Records~~
 4 ~~Exchange.~~

5
 6 ~~25-42-102.—Policy.~~

7 ~~(a) The coordination of health information technology activities~~
 8 ~~throughout Arkansas by the Office of Health Information Technology is~~
 9 ~~necessary to obtain the maximum potential value from the investment of~~
 10 ~~federal and state resources to increase the use of health information~~
 11 ~~technology.~~

12 ~~(b) The exchange of health information made possible by the State~~
 13 ~~Health Alliance for Records Exchange can improve the quality of health of~~
 14 ~~Arkansas citizens by reducing the potential for medical errors, reducing the~~
 15 ~~incidence of redundant tests and procedures, improving patient safety, and~~
 16 ~~making the delivery of healthcare services more efficient and affordable.~~

17 ~~(c) The Office of Health Information Technology and the State Health~~
 18 ~~Alliance for Records Exchange shall respect and safeguard each person's~~
 19 ~~privacy interests in his or her health and medical information.~~

20
 21 ~~25-42-104.—Definitions.~~

22 ~~As used in this chapter:~~

23 ~~(1) "Agency" means any agency, board, commission, public~~
 24 ~~instrumentality, political subdivision, or any of the foregoing entities~~
 25 ~~acting on behalf of the State of Arkansas that store, gather, or generate~~
 26 ~~health information;~~

27 ~~(2) "Deidentified" means the same as the meaning under the~~
 28 ~~Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law No.~~
 29 ~~104-191;~~

30 ~~(3) "Health information" means any information, whether oral or~~
 31 ~~recorded in any form or medium, that:~~

32 ~~(A) Is created or received by:~~

33 ~~(i) A provider of health care;~~

34 ~~(ii) A health plan;~~

35 ~~(iii) A public health authority;~~

36 ~~(iv) An employer;~~

- ~~(v) A health insurer;~~
- ~~(vi) A school or university; or~~
- ~~(vii) A health care clearinghouse; and~~

~~(B) Relates to the:~~

- ~~(i) Past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual;~~
- ~~(ii) Provision of health care to an individual; or~~
- ~~(iii) Past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual;~~

~~(4) "Health information exchange" means the electronic movement of health-related information among organizations according to nationally recognized standards;~~

~~(5) "Health information technology" means the application of information processing involving both computer hardware and software and other technology devices that deal with the storage, retrieval, sharing, and use of health care information, data, and knowledge for communication and decision-making;~~

~~(6) "Identified" means the same as the meaning under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law No. 104-191;~~

~~(7) "Nonprofit corporation" means a corporation no part of the income of which is distributable to its members, directors, or officers as under the Arkansas Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1993, § 4-33-101 et seq.; and~~

~~(8) "State Health Alliance for Records Exchange" means the entity responsible for the processes and procedures that enable the electronic exchange of interoperable health information in Arkansas.~~

~~25-42-105. Duties and responsibilities.~~

~~(a) The Office of Health Information Technology shall coordinate the health information technology initiatives of the state with relevant executive branch agencies, including without limitation state boards, commissions, nonprofit corporations, and institutions of higher education.~~

~~(b) The Office of Health Information Technology Coordinator shall be selected and serve in a manner prescribed by the Director of the Department of Health.~~

~~(c) The office shall:~~

- ~~(1) Assure the effective coordination and collaboration of~~

1 health information technology planning, development, implementation, and
 2 financing;

3 ~~(2) Review all health information technology-related grant~~
 4 ~~applications before submission to funding entities;~~

5 ~~(3) Accept, receive, retain, disburse, and administer any state~~
 6 ~~special or general revenue funds or federal funds specifically appropriated~~
 7 ~~for health information technology;~~

8 ~~(4) Make contracts and execute all instruments necessary or~~
 9 ~~convenient for carrying out its business;~~

10 ~~(5) Recommend to the State Board of Health regarding rules~~
 11 ~~necessary to carry out the policies and objectives of this chapter;~~

12 ~~(6) Plan, establish, and operate the State Health Alliance for~~
 13 ~~Records Exchange until the time when the operational responsibility and~~
 14 ~~authority for the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange is transferred~~
 15 ~~to a nonprofit corporation; and~~

16 ~~(7)(A) Establish reasonable fees or charges for the use of the~~
 17 ~~State Health Alliance for Records Exchange to fund the operational costs of~~
 18 ~~the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange and the office.~~

19 ~~(B) Fees or charges established under subdivision~~
 20 ~~(c)(7)(A) of this section shall be set with the input and guidance of the~~
 21 ~~users of the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange, stakeholders, and~~
 22 ~~other interested parties.~~

23 ~~(C) Fees or charges established under subdivision~~
 24 ~~(c)(7)(A) of this section shall not exceed the total cost of operating the~~
 25 ~~State Health Alliance for Records Exchange, not including staffing costs for~~
 26 ~~the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange and the office.~~

27 ~~(D) Users of data under this chapter shall be charged in a~~
 28 ~~manner that is proportional to their use of the State Health Alliance for~~
 29 ~~Records Exchange.~~

30 ~~(E) Revenue generated by the fees or charges under~~
 31 ~~subdivision (c)(7) of this section shall be deposited into the Health~~
 32 ~~Information Technology Fund, § 19-5-1244.~~

33
 34 ~~25-42-106. State Health Alliance for Records Exchange—Duties.~~

35 ~~(a) The State Health Alliance For Records Exchange shall:~~

36 ~~(1) Serve as the official health information exchange for the~~

1 ~~State of Arkansas;~~

2 ~~(2) Be organized for the purpose of improving the health of~~
3 ~~Arkansans by:~~

4 ~~(A) Promoting efficient and effective communication among~~
5 ~~multiple healthcare providers, including without limitation hospitals,~~
6 ~~physicians, payers, employers, pharmacies, laboratories, and other healthcare~~
7 ~~entities;~~

8 ~~(B) Creating efficiencies in healthcare costs by~~
9 ~~eliminating redundancy in data capture and storage and reducing~~
10 ~~administrative, billing, and data collection costs;~~

11 ~~(C) Creating the ability to monitor community health~~
12 ~~status; and~~

13 ~~(D) Providing reliable information to healthcare consumers~~
14 ~~and purchasers regarding the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care,~~
15 ~~health plans, and healthcare providers;~~

16 ~~(3)(A) Until a nonprofit corporation operates the State Health~~
17 ~~Alliance for Records Exchange, the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange~~
18 ~~shall be established and operated by the Office of Health Information~~
19 ~~Technology with the advice of the Health Information Exchange Council,~~
20 ~~consisting of the following members appointed by the Director of the~~
21 ~~Department of Health:~~

22 ~~(i) The Office of Health Information Technology~~
23 ~~Coordinator;~~

24 ~~(ii) A representative of the Department of Finance~~
25 ~~and Administration;~~

26 ~~(iii) A representative of the Department of Human~~
27 ~~Services;~~

28 ~~(iv) A representative of the Department of~~
29 ~~Information Systems;~~

30 ~~(v) A representative of the health insurance~~
31 ~~industry;~~

32 ~~(vi) A representative of the Arkansas Foundation for~~
33 ~~Medical Care, Inc.;~~

34 ~~(vii) A representative of the Arkansas Hospital~~
35 ~~Association, Inc.;~~

36 ~~(viii) A representative of the Arkansas Medical~~

1 Society, Inc.;

2 ~~(ix) A representative of the Arkansas Minority~~

3 Health Commission;

4 ~~(x) A representative of the Arkansas Nurses~~

5 Association;

6 ~~(xi) A representative of the Division of Science and~~

7 Technology of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission;

8 ~~(xii) A representative of the Arkansas Pharmacists~~

9 Association;

10 ~~(xiii) A representative of the business community;~~

11 ~~(xiv) A representative of the Community Health~~

12 Centers of Arkansas, Inc.;

13 ~~(xv) A representative of the University of Arkansas~~

14 for Medical Sciences;

15 ~~(xvi) A representative of the Arkansas Health Care~~

16 Association; and

17 ~~(xvii) Two (2) healthcare consumers.~~

18 ~~(b) The Chair of the Health Information Exchange Council shall be~~
 19 ~~elected by the members of the council.~~

20 ~~(c) All members will serve until the operational responsibility and~~
 21 ~~authority for the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange is transferred~~
 22 ~~to a nonprofit corporation.~~

23 ~~(d)(1) The State Health Alliance for Records Exchange is not a~~
 24 ~~healthcare provider and is not subject to claims under § 16-114-201 et seq.~~

25 ~~(2) A person who participates in or subscribes to the services~~
 26 ~~or information provided by the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange~~
 27 ~~shall not be liable in any action for damages or cost of any nature that~~
 28 ~~results solely from the person's use or failure to use the State Health~~
 29 ~~Alliance for Records Exchange information or data that was imputed or~~
 30 ~~retrieved under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of~~
 31 ~~1996, as it existed on January 1, 2011, and regulations adopted under the~~
 32 ~~act, state confidentiality laws and the rules of the State Health Alliance~~
 33 ~~for Records Exchange as approved by the Office of Health Information~~
 34 ~~Technology or the governing body of the nonprofit corporation.~~

35 ~~(3) A person shall not be subject to antitrust or unfair~~
 36 ~~competition liability based on membership or participation in the State~~

1 ~~Health Alliance for Records Exchange, which provides an essential~~
2 ~~governmental function for the public health and safety and enjoys state~~
3 ~~action immunity.~~

4 ~~(e) A person who provides information and data to the State Health~~
5 ~~Alliance for Records Exchange retains a property right in the information or~~
6 ~~data but grants to the other participants or subscribers a nonexclusive~~
7 ~~license to retrieve and use that information or data under the Health~~
8 ~~Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as it existed on~~
9 ~~January 1, 2011, and any amendments and regulations adopted under the act,~~
10 ~~state confidentiality laws, and the rules of the State Health Alliance for~~
11 ~~Records Exchange.~~

12 ~~(f) All processes or software developed, designed, or purchased by the~~
13 ~~State Health Alliance for Records Exchange shall remain the property of the~~
14 ~~State Health Alliance for Records Exchange subject to use by participants or~~
15 ~~subscribers under the rules of the State Health Alliance for Records~~
16 ~~Exchange.~~

17 ~~(g) Patient-specific protected health information shall be disclosed~~
18 ~~only in accordance with the patient's authorization or in compliance with~~
19 ~~state confidentiality laws and the Health Insurance Portability and~~
20 ~~Accountability Act of 1996, as it existed on January 1, 2011, and regulations~~
21 ~~under the act.~~

22 ~~(h) No later than December 31, 2014, executive branch agencies,~~
23 ~~including state boards, commissions, nonprofit corporations, and institutions~~
24 ~~of higher education, that implement, acquire, or upgrade health information~~
25 ~~technology systems shall use health information technology systems and~~
26 ~~products that meet minimum standards adopted by the State Health Alliance for~~
27 ~~Records Exchange.~~

28 ~~(i) All identified or deidentified health information contained in,~~
29 ~~stored in, submitted to, transferred by, or released from the State Health~~
30 ~~Alliance for Records Exchange is not disclosable under applicable state or~~
31 ~~federal law except to:~~

32 ~~(1) A healthcare provider; or~~

33 ~~(2) Other authorized person or entity as described by policies~~
34 ~~and rules promulgated by the State Board of Health or the State Alliance for~~
35 ~~Records Exchange.~~

36 ~~(j)(1) Upon the transfer to a nonprofit corporation, the State Health~~

1 ~~Alliance for Records Exchange shall be governed under the bylaws and~~
2 ~~incorporation documents of the corporation.~~

3 ~~(2) The bylaws and incorporation documents of the corporation~~
4 ~~shall further only the objectives and policies set forth in this chapter.~~

5
6 SECTION 290. Arkansas Code § 26-57-1106(a)(2)(B), concerning the
7 distribution of funds for breast cancer research and control, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (B) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health
10 shall be the disbursing officer for the Breast Cancer Control Fund, and the
11 Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall be the
12 disbursing officer for the Breast Cancer Research Fund.

13
14 SECTION 291. Arkansas Code § 27-3-103(b)(3), concerning the
15 establishment of the Arkansas Public Transportation Coordination Council, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (3) The remaining seven (7) members of the Arkansas Public
18 Transportation Coordination Council shall be:

19 (A) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human
20 Services or his or her designee;

21 (B) The Director of State Highways and Transportation or
22 his or her designee;

23 (C) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Health or
24 his or her designee;

25 (D) The Chair of the Arkansas Economic Development Council
26 or his or her designee;

27 (E) The ~~Executive~~ Director of the Arkansas Economic
28 Development Commission or his or her designee;

29 (F) The Director of the University of Arkansas Cooperative
30 Extension Service or his or her designee; and

31 (G) The Chair of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board
32 or his or her successor or designee.

33
34 SECTION 292. Arkansas Code § 27-101-405(a)(2), concerning the
35 establishment of the Marine Sanitation Advisory Committee, is amended to read
36 as follows:

1 (2) Two (2) members from the state at large to be appointed by
2 the Governor after consulting with the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department
3 of Health and the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental
4 Quality; and

5
6 SECTION 293. DO NOT CODIFY. All members of the Health Information
7 Exchange Council as of July 1, 2019 are reappointed to serve until the
8 operational responsibility and authority for the State Health Alliance for
9 Records Exchange is transferred to a nonprofit corporation.

10
11 SECTION 294. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
12 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this act revises the duties of
13 certain state entities; that this act establishes new departments of the
14 state; that these revisions impact the expenses and operations of state
15 government; and that the provisions of this act should become effective at
16 the beginning of the fiscal year to allow for implementation of the new
17 provisions at the beginning of the fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is
18 declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
19 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2019.