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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1364

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLDER WORKER COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLDER WORKER COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-80-202(a), concerning the purpose of the Older Worker Community Service Employment Act, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In order to foster and promote useful part-time employment opportunities in community service activities for ~~low-income~~ persons who are fifty-five (55) years of age or older and who have poor employment prospects, the Older Worker Community Service Employment Program is created.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-80-203 and § 20-80-204 are amended to read as follows:

20-80-203. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, ~~unless the context otherwise requires:~~

(1) "Community service" means social, health, welfare, educational, recreational development, maintenance, or restoration of natural resources, community betterment or beautification, environmental protection,



and ~~such~~ other services ~~which~~ that are or might be essential and necessary to the community;

(2) "Community-based agency" means a public or not-for-profit organization whose primary purposes and experiences are in the development and implementation of programs for the elderly;

~~(3) "Department" means the Department of Human Services;~~

~~(4) "Division" means the Division of Aging and Adult Services of the Department of Human Services;~~

~~(5)(3)(A) "Eligible individual or participant" means an individual who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older and whose household income does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the Supplemental Security Income level, as established by the Social Security Administration.~~

(B) Furthermore, participants in the program funded under this subchapter shall not be considered to be state employees as a result of ~~such~~ the employment for any purpose; and

~~(6)(4)~~ (4) "Program" means the Older Worker Community Service Employment Program.

20-80-204. Administration of program.

~~In order to carry out the provisions of~~ To implement this subchapter, the Division of Aging and Adult Services of the Department of Human Services is authorized:

(1)(A) To enter into agreements with and make program grants to community-based agencies for the purpose of establishing statewide implementation of the Older Worker Community Service Employment Program.

(B) However, the division shall make no payments towards the cost of the program unless the division determines that the community-based agencies will adhere to the provisions of § 20-80-205 and the established ~~regulations~~ rules or policies related to the administration of this subchapter;

(2) To allow reasonable and appropriate administrative cost for the total program, which in no event shall exceed the allowable percentage limitation established for ~~Title V~~ Title III of the Older Americans Act, 45 CFR Part 1321; and

(3) To make, issue, and amend ~~regulations~~ rules and policies ~~as may be necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of~~ this subchapter.

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