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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 191

By: Senators E. Cheatham, Bledsoe

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE RECORD MAINTENANCE FEE FOR VISITS TO LOCAL HEALTH UNITS; TO AMEND THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND LOCAL GRANT TRUST FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ELIMINATE THE RECORD MAINTENANCE FEE FOR VISITS TO LOCAL HEALTH UNITS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-127 is repealed.

~~20-7-127. Fees for visits to local health units.~~

~~(a)(1) There is imposed a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for each client visit to a local health unit. The State Board of Health may assess any client a single charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) to cover all visits by the client for a period of one (1) year, which charge shall be in lieu of the charge of two dollars (\$2.00) per visit provided in this subdivision (a)(1).~~

~~(2) Fees levied by the board under this section shall be collected by the respective local health units from each client who is financially able to pay the fee.~~

~~(b) If revenue from these fees is inadequate to enable local health units to continue the provision of essential services and the expansion and improvement of local health unit facilities in the state, the board, with the review and comment of the Legislative Council, may adopt appropriate rules and regulations to increase the client visit fee imposed in subsection (a) of this section to an amount not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) per client visit~~



~~or a twenty five dollar single annual charge and prescribe guidelines for the assessment, collection, and remittance of those fees.~~

~~(c)(1) Funds derived from the fees levied under this section shall be collected by the various local health units. The funds shall be deposited into a local bank account and remitted monthly to the Department of Health.~~

~~(2)(A) The department shall deposit all the funds received from local health units into the State Treasury, where they shall be credited to the State Health Department Building and Local Grant Trust Fund.~~

~~(B) Any funds derived from the collection of client visit fees in excess of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in any fiscal year shall be transferred to the Public Health Fund by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State upon the request of the Director of the Department of Health.~~

~~(3) Subject to such rules and regulations as may be implemented by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the disbursing officers for the department may transfer all remaining unexpended funds, as certified by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to be carried forward and made available for expenditure for the same purposes for any following fiscal year.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-129(c), concerning reimbursement for certain medical supplies or services, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) Funds derived from the fees shall be used exclusively for the purchase of medical supplies or services necessary to enable the department to continue to provide essential health care.

(2) The department may transfer six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in any fiscal year to the State Health Department Building and Local Grant Trust Fund for the purposes established by § 20-7-204.

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

(b) The fund shall consist of such revenues as may be authorized by law, including ~~the portion of client visit fees specified in § 20-7-127 a~~ portion collected under § 20-7-129.

*SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 19-5-962(b), concerning the State Health Department Building and Local Grant Trust Fund, is amended to read as*

*follows:*

*(b) ~~The Except as provided in § 20-7-203(b), the fund shall consist of that portion of local health unit fees specified in § 20-7-127, and any other moneys authorized by law, there to be used, except as provided in § 20-7-203(b)~~, only for expansion, renovation, construction, or improvements to the State Health Department building and for grants for construction, renovation, or other expansion of approved local health unit facilities in this state.*

*/s/E. Cheatham*

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