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A Bill

SENATE BILL 27

By: Senator T. Garner

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE
EMPLOYS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH
VETERANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ENSURE THAT THE SUICIDE PREVENTION
HOTLINE EMPLOYS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH VETERANS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-45-303(a), concerning the Suicide Prevention Hotline, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Department of Health shall establish and maintain, to the extent that funding is available, the Suicide Prevention Hotline for the purpose of helping to prevent suicide in the state.

(2) The department may contract with vendors to maintain the Suicide Prevention Hotline.

(3) The department shall ensure that the Suicide Prevention Hotline employs individuals who have experience working with veterans or are veterans.

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