

State of Arkansas
93rd General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1682

By: Representative L. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COLOCATION FOR OUTPATIENT
BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE COLOCATION FOR OUTPATIENT
BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AGENCIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 46, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-46-107. Colocation for outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies -
Legislative findings.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Sites for outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies have
been prohibited from being adjunct to or colocated with non-behavioral
healthcare services or facilities;

(2) Integrated care is best practice and should be the standard
set in this state; and

(3) It would be advantageous for a client's health if outpatient
behavioral health services were colocated with primary care services or
facilities.

(b) Outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies may be certified when
adjunct to or colocated with non-behavioral healthcare services or facilities
such as a school, a day care facility, a long-term care facility, or the
office or clinic of a physician or psychologist.

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