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A Bill

SENATE BILL 452

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By: Representatives McAlindon, Beaty Jr., Andrews, Burkes, Gazaway, Hollowell, Long

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS FAMILY PLANNING ACT; TO
MODIFY THE LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION WITHIN THE
ARKANSAS FAMILY PLANNING ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS FAMILY PLANNING
ACT; AND TO MODIFY THE LEGISLATIVE
DECLARATION WITHIN THE ARKANSAS FAMILY
PLANNING ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-16-302 is amended to read as follows:

20-16-302. Legislative declaration.

It is the declaration of the General Assembly that:

~~(1) Continuing population growth either causes or aggravates many social, economic, and environmental problems, both in this state and in the nation;~~

~~(2) Contraceptive procedures, supplies, and information as to and procedures for voluntary sterilization are not sufficiently available as a practical matter to many persons in this state;~~

~~(3)~~(1) It is desirable that inhibitions and restrictions be eliminated so that all persons desiring and needing contraceptive procedures, supplies, and information shall have ready and practicable access thereto



through legally recognized channels; and

~~(4)~~(2) Section 20-16-304 sets forth the policy and authority of this state, its political subdivisions, and all agencies and institutions thereof, including prohibitions against restrictions, with respect to contraceptive procedures, supplies, and information.

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