

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1681

By: Representatives Andrews, *Beaty Jr.*, *M. Brown*, *McCollum*
By: Senator *J. Bryant*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE CERTAIN GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS; TO CREATE THE WORK PROTECTION ACT; TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC ENTITY FROM ENFORCING OR ENACTING CERTAIN UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REGULATE CERTAIN GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS; TO CREATE THE WORK PROTECTION ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC ENTITY FROM ENFORCING OR ENACTING CERTAIN UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title – Purpose.

(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Work Protection Act".

(b) The purpose of this act is to promote the value of work by prohibiting a state agency or local government from administering, enacting, or enforcing a guaranteed income program.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

14-1-108. Universal basic income program – Prohibitions – Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:



(1) "Local government" means:

(A) A county;

(B) A city of the first class, a city of the second class, or an incorporated town; or

(C) Any other district or political subdivision of the state or an agency, board, or commission of the district or political subdivision of the state;

(2) "State agency" means an office, board, commission, department, council, bureau, or other agency of state government; and

(3) "Universal basic income program" means a program that is not expressly required by federal law in which an individual receives a guaranteed cash payment regularly.

(b) Unless expressly authorized by state law, a state agency or a local government shall not enact or enforce, directly or indirectly, a universal basic income program.

/s/Andrews

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