

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

HOUSE BILL 1382

By: Representative Ladyman

By: Senator Dees

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTING BY THE DESIGNATED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR THE STATE AND THE DESIGNATED CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE STATE TO THE HOSPITAL, MEDICAID, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTING BY THE DESIGNATED PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR THE STATE AND THE DESIGNATED CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

10-3-321. Reporting on protection and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities.

(a) The designated Protection and Advocacy Agency for the state and the designated Client Assistance Program for the state shall:

(1) Submit biannual reports to the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee of Legislative Council and the Governor regarding efforts to advocate for all individuals with developmental disabilities who live in a home- and community-based setting and not a facility;

(2) Attend meetings of the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental



Disabilities Study Subcommittee of Legislative Council when requested; and
(3) Provide information requested by the Hospital, Medicaid, and
Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee of Legislative Council to the
Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee of
Legislative Council at the earliest opportunity but no later than the date
designated by the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study
Subcommittee of Legislative Council.

(b) The Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study
Subcommittee of Legislative Council shall review all reports submitted by the
designated Protection and Advocacy Agency for the state and the designated
Client Assistance Program.

(c) The Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.,
applies to Disability Rights of Arkansas, Inc. or its successor organization
that is the designated Protection and Advocacy Agency for the state and the
designated Client Assistance Program for the state.

/s/Ladyman

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