

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

HOUSE BILL 1063

By: Representatives J. Mayberry, *Ray*

By: Senator Crowell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE
EXPERIENCE PROGRAM ACT; TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF
"DISABILITY CERTIFICATION" AND "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL"
TO CHANGE THE DISABILITY ONSET AGE FROM TWENTY-SIX TO
FORTY-SIX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE
EXPERIENCE PROGRAM ACT; AND TO AMEND THE
DEFINITIONS OF "DISABILITY
CERTIFICATION" AND "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL"
TO CHANGE DISABILITY ONSET AGE FROM
TWENTY-SIX TO FORTY-SIX.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-3-103(4), concerning the definition of "disability certification" under the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Act, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Disability certification" means, with respect to an individual, a certification to the satisfaction of the United States Secretary of the Treasury by the individual or the parent or guardian of the individual that:

(A) Certifies that:

(i)(a)(1) The individual has a medically determinable physical or mental impairment that:

(A) Results in marked and severe



functional limitations; and

(B) Can be expected to result in

death; or

(2) Has lasted or can be expected to

last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or

(b) The individual is blind within the meaning of § 1614(a)(2) of the Social Security Act; and

(ii) The blindness or disability occurred before the individual attained ~~twenty-six (26)~~ forty-six (46) years of age; and

(B) Includes a copy of the individual's diagnosis relating to the individual's relevant impairment or impairments, signed by a physician meeting the criteria of § 1861(r)(1) of the Social Security Act;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-3-103(5), concerning the definition of "eligible individual" under the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Act, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "Eligible individual" means an individual who for a taxable year:

(A) Is entitled to benefits based on blindness or disability under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq., and the blindness or disability is a preexisting condition that occurred before the date on which the individual attained ~~twenty-six (26)~~ forty-six (46) years of age; or

(B) Has a disability certification filed with the United States Secretary of the Treasury for the taxable year;

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date.

This act is effective on and after January 1, 2026.

/s/J. Mayberry

APPROVED: 4/17/25