

## SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO sb454.

deleting the Title of the bill in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

“AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS CONVERTED FROM STATE AGENCY STATUS TO PRIVATE STATUS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

AND

by deleting the Subtitle of the bill in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

“AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS CONVERTED FROM STATE AGENCY STATUS TO PRIVATE STATUS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1997.”

AND

by deleting everything after the Enacting clause and substituting therefor the following:

SECTION 1. (a) If a mental health center of a state agency is converted to a privately owned and operated mental health center on or after January 1, 1997, the privately owned and operated mental health center may enter into an agreement with the state to maintain fringe benefit eligibility of state employees who were employed in the mental health center immediately prior to the center's conversion to a privately owned and operated mental health center.

(b) An agreement authorized by this section shall comply with regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is found and determined that mental health centers of state agencies may be converted to privately owned and operated mental health centers; that experienced state employees at the centers should be encouraged to continue to work at the

centers in order to provide continuity of service; that this act allows the private agency to enter into an agreement with the state to maintain fringe benefit eligibility for such employees; and that this act is immediately necessary to provide continuity of service at such mental health centers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."