

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 827

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHY ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE HEALTHY ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. THE HEALTHY ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

(a)(1) The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service and the Department of Human Services shall implement collaboratively the Healthy Arkansas Educational Program described in this act.

(2) The purpose of the Healthy Arkansas Educational Program is to create opportunities for Medicaid beneficiaries to receive training and education in areas which may include without limitation:

(A) Nutrition, food safety and food preservation;

(B) Family and consumer economics;

(C) Marriage, parenting and family life; and

(D) Health, wellness and prevention.

(b) The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service and the Department of Human Services, jointly and separately, shall seek and apply for grants opportunities, federal waivers, or other resources to:

(A) Fund and implement the Healthy Arkansas Educational Program; and



(B) Provide incentives to Medicaid beneficiaries to participate.

(c) If sufficient grant funds and other resources are obtained, the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service shall:

(1) Schedule and conduct classes and training sessions for Medicaid beneficiaries in topics that further the purpose of the program; and

(2) Develop classes, curriculum and training materials appropriate for the training or classes offered.

(d) If sufficient grant funds and other resources are obtained, the Department of Human Services shall:

(1) Develop protocols and policies to refer Medicaid beneficiaries for scheduled classes and training sessions offered by the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service;

(2) Identify specific populations and geographic areas most likely to benefit from the classes and training sessions provided under this act; and

(3) Provide technical assistance to the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service by compiling supporting aggregate data and research for use in grant applications.

(e) Participation by a Medicaid beneficiary in a class or training session offered under this section is not a condition of eligibility for Medicaid.

(f) The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service and the Department of Human Services shall implement the Healthy Arkansas Educational Program only to the extent that adequate funding is specifically made available.

/s/Irvin