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SENATE RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF A NONAPPROPRIATION
BILL CONCERNING ENROLLMENT IN THE ARKANSAS WORKS
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NONAPPROPRIATION BILL CONCERNING
ENROLLMENT IN THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT Representative Miller is authorized to introduce a bill which, as
introduced, will read substantially as follows:

"For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO STOP ENROLLMENT IN THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO FILE ALL NECESSARY STATE MEDICAID PLAN
AMENDMENTS OR WAIVERS TO STOP ENROLLMENT IN THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM; TO
CREATE THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FREEZE ACT OF 2018; TO DECLARE
AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FREEZE ACT OF 2018; AND TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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



SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Works Program Enrollment Freeze Act of 2018".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 61, Subchapter 10, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-61-1010. Stop enrollment in the Arkansas Works Program – Require submittal of state Medicaid plan amendments or waivers.

(a) On and after July 15, 2018, the Department of Human Services shall not approve new enrollment in the Arkansas Works Program created under this subchapter.

(b) The department may renew enrollment for individuals currently enrolled in the program if the individuals meet and have continuously met all eligibility requirements and the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for the enrollees does not drop below the percentages established by section 1905(y) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396d, as existing on January 1, 2018, or by the rules of the department.

(c) The department shall amend the state Medicaid plan and file any and all necessary waivers with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement this section.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that new enrollment in the Arkansas Works Program should be stopped as soon as reasonably possible; that the program has grown to an unsustainable level and stopping enrollment is necessary to ensure the future solvency of the program; and that this act is immediately necessary to assist the Department of Human Services to efficiently conduct its duties. 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:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is

overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."