

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 477

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO STREAMLINE CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)  
VACCINATION SIGN-UPS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; TO  
ENSURE ALL RESIDENTS OF ARKANSAS HAVE EQUAL,  
EFFICIENT, AND ADEQUATE ACCESS TO CORONAVIRUS 2019  
(COVID-19) VACCINATIONS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO STREAMLINE CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)  
VACCINATION SIGN-UPS IN THE STATE OF  
ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Streamlining  
coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination sign-ups.

(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
Department of Health shall immediately establish a centralized, one-stop  
portal on its website to be used to determine eligibility and allow one-stop  
online sign-up for coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) vaccinations.

(b) The portal shall be made available to all residents of Arkansas  
and shall be accessible via internet and mobile device.

(c)(1) The department shall also establish a centralized phone number  
for residents of this state to determine eligibility, allow sign-up for  
coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) vaccinations, and ask questions regarding  
vaccination eligibility and the vaccination sign-up process.

(2) The centralized phone number shall be staffed twenty-four



(24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week and shall include sufficient staffing to prevent significant wait times for callers.

(d) The department shall, by any means practicable, including without limitation text notification systems, share information about the portal and centralized phone number with the general public.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has caused great uncertainty and anxiety across the state and has significantly affected the residents of this state; that the roll-out of the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine and sign-up process for the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination has been complicated and has changed several times since the vaccine became available; that residents of this state need a streamlined system to sign-up for the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination to ease their uncertainty and anxiety; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure all residents of this state have equal, efficient, and adequate access to coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) vaccinations. 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.