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A Bill

SENATE BILL 733

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE POWERS OF QUARANTINE, ISOLATION,
AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS, CONTAGIOUS, AND
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE POWERS OF QUARANTINE,
ISOLATION, AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS,
CONTAGIOUS, AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-109(a)(1), concerning the authority to regulate public health, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Power is conferred on the State Board of Health to make all necessary and reasonable rules of a general nature for:

- (A) The protection of the public health and safety;
- (B) The general amelioration of the sanitary and hygienic conditions within the state;
- (C) The suppression and prevention of infectious, contagious, and communicable diseases;

(D)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(1)(D)(ii) of this section, the The proper enforcement of quarantine, isolation, and control of such diseases.

(ii)(a) The board or its designee may issue guidance on the proper enforcement of quarantine, isolation, and control of such diseases in public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools.



(b) However, each public school district and open-enrollment public charter school shall determine whether and how to enforce quarantine, isolation, and control of such diseases; and

(E) The proper control of chemical exposures that may result in adverse health effects to the public.