

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1348

By: Representative L. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE AUDIT PROCESS CONCERNING QUALIFIED PAYMENT AMOUNTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A STATE AUDIT PROCESS CONCERNING QUALIFIED PAYMENT AMOUNTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE AUDIT PROCESS CONCERNING QUALIFIED PAYMENT AMOUNTS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A STATE AUDIT PROCESS CONCERNING QUALIFIED PAYMENT AMOUNTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 66, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23-66-216. Qualified payment amount – State audit process – Rules.

(a) The State Insurance Department shall develop a state audit process to ensure compliance with the requirements in the No Surprises Act of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, related to the calculation of a qualified payment amount.

(b) The department shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.



(a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the State Insurance Department shall file the final rules with the Secretary of State for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

(1) On or before January 1, 2024; or

(2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1, 2024, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(b) The department shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2024, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before January 1, 2024.

/s/L. Johnson