

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1403

By: Representative Pilkington

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ME ACT OF 2021 TO ALLOW NONHOSPITAL ENTITIES TO BE COMMUNITY BRIDGE ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ME ACT OF 2021 TO ALLOW NONHOSPITAL ENTITIES TO BE COMMUNITY BRIDGE ORGANIZATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-61-1002(3), concerning the legislative intent for the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Promotes the health, welfare, and stability of mothers and their infants after birth through ~~hospital-based~~ community bridge organizations;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-61-1002(6), concerning the legislative intent for the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(6) Addresses health-related social needs of Arkansans in rural counties through ~~hospital-based~~ community bridge organizations and reduces the additional risk for disease and premature death associated with living in a rural county;



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SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-61-1010(b)(1), concerning the community bridge organizations under the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Each community bridge organization shall be administered by a hospital or a nonhospital entity under conditions established by the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 23-61-1010(b), concerning the community bridge organizations under the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(5) A nonhospital entity may serve eligible individuals under subsection (a) of this section if the nonhospital entity meets any additional criteria established by the Department of Human Services.