

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1723

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 2000, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS ACT; TO DIRECT THE ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND INITIATED ACT 1 OF 2000, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS ACT; AND TO DIRECT THE ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-12-110(c)(4), as enacted by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, also known as the Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act, concerning the creation of the Targeted State Needs Program Account, is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) Minority Health Initiative and a grant program for school-based health centers, administered by the Arkansas Minority Health Commission – twenty-three per cent (23%).

(B) The grant program for school-based health centers shall receive five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) annually from the percentage under subdivision (c)(4)(A) of this section.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-12-114, as enacted by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, also known as the Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act, concerning the establishment and administration of the Targeted State Needs Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(j)(1) The Arkansas Minority Health Commission shall establish and administer the grant program for school-based health centers to provide funding for school-based health centers exclusively in minority-majority school districts.

(2) The distribution of the grant program under subdivision (j)(1) of this section shall mirror the Arkansas School-Based Health Center Grant Program, or a successor grant program, that supports school-based health centers and is administered by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of the Department of Education and the Department of Health.

(3) The Arkansas Minority Health Commission shall establish rules similar to the rules of the Arkansas School-Based Health Center Grant Program, or a successor grant program.

(4) As used in this subsection, "minority-majority school district" means a school district where members of a racial or ethnic minority are the majority of the population in the school district.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.

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

(1) On or before January 1, 2026; or

(2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1, 2026, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

(b) The commission shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2026, so that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before January 1, 2026.