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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1063

5 By: Representatives J. Mayberry, Ray
6 By: Senator Crowell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE
10 EXPERIENCE PROGRAM ACT; TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF
11 "DISABILITY CERTIFICATION" AND "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL"
12 TO CHANGE THE DISABILITY ONSET AGE FROM TWENTY-SIX TO
13 FORTY-SIX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE
18 EXPERIENCE PROGRAM ACT; AND TO AMEND THE
19 DEFINITIONS OF "DISABILITY
20 CERTIFICATION" AND "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL"
21 TO CHANGE DISABILITY ONSET AGE FROM
22 TWENTY-SIX TO FORTY-SIX.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-3-103(4), concerning the definition of
27 "disability certification" under the Achieving a Better Life Experience
28 Program Act, is amended to read as follows:

29 (4) "Disability certification" means, with respect to an
30 individual, a certification to the satisfaction of the United States
31 Secretary of the Treasury by the individual or the parent or guardian of the
32 individual that:

33 (A) Certifies that:

34 (i)(a)(1) The individual has a medically
35 determinable physical or mental impairment that:

36 (A) Results in marked and severe



1 functional limitations; and

2 (B) Can be expected to result in
3 death; or

4 (2) Has lasted or can be expected to
5 last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or

6 (b) The individual is blind within the meaning
7 of § 1614(a)(2) of the Social Security Act; and

8 (ii) The blindness or disability occurred before the
9 individual attained ~~twenty-six (26)~~ forty-six (46) years of age; and

10 (B) Includes a copy of the individual's diagnosis relating
11 to the individual's relevant impairment or impairments, signed by a physician
12 meeting the criteria of § 1861(r)(1) of the Social Security Act;

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-3-103(5), concerning the definition of
15 "eligible individual" under the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program
16 Act, is amended to read as follows:

17 (5) "Eligible individual" means an individual who for a taxable
18 year:

19 (A) Is entitled to benefits based on blindness or
20 disability under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C.
21 § 301 et seq., and the blindness or disability is a preexisting condition
22 that occurred before the date on which the individual attained ~~twenty-six~~
23 ~~(26)~~ forty-six (46) years of age; or

24 (B) Has a disability certification filed with the United
25 States Secretary of the Treasury for the taxable year;

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27 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Effective date.
28 This act is effective on and after January 1, 2026.

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30 /s/J. Mayberry

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33 **APPROVED: 4/17/25**