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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1491

5 By: Representatives Miller, Beck, Della Rosa, Eubanks, Payton, Rushing, Rye, Sullivan
6 By: Senators K. Hammer, B. Sample
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE WAITING LIST FOR THE
10 ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES WAIVER PROGRAM, ALSO
11 KNOWN AS THE "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WAIVER"; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ELIMINATE THE WAITING LIST FOR THE
16 ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES WAIVER
17 PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "DEVELOPMENTAL
18 DISABILITIES WAIVER".
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 20-77-135. Elimination of waiting list.

27 (a) The Department of Human Services shall eliminate the waiting list
28 as existing on March 1, 2019, for the Alternative Community Services Waiver
29 Program, also known as the "Developmental Disabilities Waiver", or successor
30 program.

31 (b) The department shall meet the requirements of subsection (a) of
32 this section as soon as possible but no later than three (3) years after the
33 effective date of this section by using available funding streams, unless the
34 department determines that an adequate number of providers for individuals
35 with developmental disabilities does not exist within the state.

36 (c) An individual who applies for coverage or enrolls in the program



1 after March 1, 2019, may be placed on a waiting list if the department
2 determines that adequate funding streams or resources are not available at
3 the time of application or enrollment.

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