

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill 21**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT,  
AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL  
YEAR.

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**Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 21**

Amend Senate Bill 21 as engrossed S4/21/26 (version: 4/21/26 01:56:42 PM):

On page 14, immediately following SECTION 22, insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 20-64-903(b), concerning the exemptions to licensure for an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The following programs and persons are exempted from the requirements of this subchapter:

(1) Acute care, hospital-based alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs governed by §§ 20-9-201 and 20-10-213;

(2) Members of the clergy, Christian Science practitioners, and licensed professionals working within the standards of their respective professions, including without limitation:

- (A) Attorneys;
- (B) Counselors;
- (C) Nurses;
- (D) Physicians;
- (E) Psychological examiners;
- (F) Psychologists;
- (G) School counselors; and
- (H) Social workers;

(3) Treatment directly administered by the United States



Department of Defense or any other federal agency; ~~and~~

(4) Self-help or twelve-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, or Nar-Anon Family Groups; and

(5) Faith-based treatment and recovery programs for substance abuse."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Senator M. Johnson

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Secretary