

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 847

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5 By: Senators Cash, Everett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO EXEMPT PLACEMENTS OF DELINQUENT YOUTH
10 COMMITTED TO THE DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES,
11 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM THE PERMIT OF
12 APPROVAL PROCESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Finding. The General Assembly finds and determines that:

25 (1) The Division of Youth Services, Department of Human Services is
26 obligated by law to provide appropriate care to juveniles adjudicated
27 delinquent and committed to the division's custody.

28 (2) The Division of Youth Services, Department of Human Services,
29 pursuant to judicial decrees, assumes custody of delinquent juveniles with
30 little or no notice;

31 (3) The nature of the criminal conduct engaged in by the juvenile may
32 create the necessity to segregate these juveniles within treatment facilities
33 thereby denying the division otherwise available beds;

34 (4) The Division of Youth Services, Department of Human Services must
35 secure sufficient facilities for the care of delinquent juveniles in its
36 custody;

1 (5) The need for such facilities may vary substantially from the needs
2 anticipated by the Department of Human Services or by the Health Services
3 Commission; and

4 (6) No permit of approval should be required for facilities or beds
5 contracted for or otherwise provided for delinquent youth committed to the
6 custody of the Division of Youth Services, Department of Human Services or
7 the beds provided for delinquent youth counted against the authorized beds
8 otherwise provided by a facility or organization with a permit of approval.

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 20-8-101(6)(B), concerning health service
11 agencies definitions, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
12 follows:

13 (ix) Any bed or facility used to provide care to
14 delinquent juveniles committed into the care of the Division of Youth
15 Services, Department of Human Services.

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