

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

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## **A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1588

5 By: Representative McAlindon  
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### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE APPROVALS REQUIRED FROM THE  
10 GOVERNOR AND CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER OF THE STATE BEFORE  
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CAN TAKE CERTAIN  
12 ACTIONS RELATED TO THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; TO  
13 REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES SEEKS OR IMPLEMENTS AN  
15 EXPANSION OF COVERAGE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID  
16 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### **Subtitle**

19 TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
21 SERVICES SEEKS OR IMPLEMENTS AN  
22 EXPANSION OF COVERAGE FOR THE ARKANSAS  
23 MEDICAID PROGRAM.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-110 is amended to read as follows:

29 20-77-110. Increase in reimbursement rate or cost to state - Expansion  
30 of coverage.

31 Notwithstanding any other provision in federal law or departmental  
32 commitment which may exist to the contrary, the Department of Human Services  
33 shall not:

34 (1)(A) Increase ~~increase~~ any reimbursement rate to any provider  
35 or provider groups supported in whole or in part by funds administered by the  
36 department, ~~nor shall it~~ without first seeking and receiving the approval of



1 the Governor and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

2 (B) If reimbursement rates are decreased, the department  
3 shall report to the Legislative Council concerning the reasons and  
4 justification for the decrease in reimbursement rates;

5 (2) Adopt ~~adopt~~ any other rule or amendment to the Arkansas  
6 Medicaid Program that would result in an obligation of the general revenues  
7 of the state without first seeking and receiving the approval of the Governor  
8 and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; or

9 (3)(A) Apply for or implement any rule or amendment to the  
10 Arkansas Medicaid Program or a Medicaid waiver from the Centers for Medicare  
11 & Medicaid Services that would expand coverage to any additional individuals  
12 or class of individuals and result in an obligation of the state without  
13 first obtaining approval by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote from either the Legislative  
14 Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget  
15 Committee.

16 (B) Subdivision (3)(A) of this section does not affect any  
17 Medicaid state plan amendment or federal waiver in existence and implemented  
18 as of the effective date of this section.

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20 /s/McAlindon  
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