| 1 | State of Arkansas | As Engrossed: H3/19/25 | |
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| 2 | 95th General Assembly | A Bill | |
| 3 | Regular Session, 2025 | | HOUSE BILL 1798 |
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| 5 | By: Representative Nazarenl | co | |
| 6 | By: Senator C. Penzo | | |
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| 9 | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GREEN ENVELOPE PROGRAM; AND FOR | | |
| 10 | OTHER PUR | POSES. | |
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| 14 | TO H | ESTABLISH A GREEN ENVELOPE PROGR | AM. |
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| 16 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE | GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF | F ARKANSAS: |
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| 18 | SECTION 1. Ark | ansas Code Title 27, Chapter 15, | , Subchapter l is amended |
| 19 | to add an additional | section to read as follows: | |
| 20 | <u>27-15-103.</u> Leg | islative intent — Green Envelope | e Program. |
| 21 | (a) The Genera | l Assembly intends to establish | a Green Envelope Program |
| 22 | to ease communication | between an individual who is di | iagnosed with mental |
| 23 | illness and a law enforcement officer during any interaction, including | | |
| 24 | without limitation a motor vehicle-related interaction. | | |
| 25 | <u>(b)(1) By Janu</u> | ary 1, 2026, the Department of E | Finance and |
| 26 | Administration shall | develop and make available a spe | ecially designed green |
| 27 | envelope that will ho | ld a driver's essential document | ts, including without |
| 28 | limitation a driver's | license, vehicle registration, | and contact card. |
| 29 | <u>(2) The</u> | green envelope developed under s | subsection (b)(l) of this |
| 30 | section shall include | communication guidelines on the | e exterior of the green |
| 31 | envelope that are spe | cifically tailored to assist a l | law enforcement officer |
| 32 | in recognizing an ind | ividual with a mental illness ar | nd adapting his or her |
| 33 | approach when interac | ting with a individual with a me | ental illness. |
| 34 | (c) Beginning January 1, 2026, an individual diagnosed with a mental | | |
| 35 | illness may request a | green envelope at his or her lo | ocal department office. |
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