

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

A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO TERMINATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "PRIVATE OPTION"; TO TERMINATE ARKANSAS' PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID EXPANSION; TO REPEAL THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2013; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Termination of Medicaid Expansion in Arkansas.

(a) Arkansas's participation in Medicaid Expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is terminated effective at the end of December 31, 2015.

(b) The program known as the "Private Option" under the Health Care Independence Act of 2013 is terminated at the end of December 31, 2015.

SECTION 2. Health Care Independence Act of 2013 repealed.

Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 24, known as the Health Care Independence Act of 2013, is repealed effected at the end of December 31, 2015.

[NOTE: Actual bill will also display the text of the "Health Care Independence Act" showing the text stricken through to indicate that the language is being repealed.]

SECTION 3. The Department of Human Services shall:

(1) Immediately amend the State Medicaid Plan, consistent with this act, to reflect Arkansas' withdrawal from the Medicaid Expansion program and the Private Option on December 31, 2015;

(2) Notify enrollees in the program commonly referred to as the "Private Option" that the Private Option and Arkansas' participation in Medicaid Expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ends on December 31, 2015; and

(3) Inform any new enrollee in the program commonly referred to as the "Private Option" that the Private Option and Arkansas' participation in Medicaid Expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ends on December 31, 2015.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that the Arkansas Health Care Independence Act of 2013 authorized the state of Arkansas to conduct a Medicaid Expansion experiment commonly referred to as the "Private Option"; that participation in Medicaid Expansion should end and the experiment known as the "Private Option" should be terminated; and that this act should become effective immediately in order to allow the Department of Human Services additional time to make administrative changes without the necessity of rushing through the process. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.