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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1574

EXTENDING THE TIME FRAME TO INVESTIGATE CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1574

Amend House Bill No. 1574 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-616 is amended to read as follows:
12-18-616. Timing.

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an investigative determination shall be made in each investigation under this chapter within ~~thirty (30)~~ forty-five (45) days regardless of whether the investigation is conducted by the Department of Human Services, the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or local law enforcement.

(2) However, this procedural requirement shall not be considered as a factor to alter the investigative determination in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

(3)(A) An extension of an additional fifteen (15) days to make an investigative determination is permitted.

(B) The Department of Human Services and the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall respectively promulgate rules pertaining to the extension of time to make an investigative determination.

~~(b) An investigation involving an out of home alleged offender that is determined to be true may be extended up to thirty (30) additional days to allow an investigator to ascertain:~~

~~(1) The names and conditions of any children of the alleged offender;~~

~~(2) Whether children of the alleged offender have been maltreated or are at risk of maltreatment; and~~

~~(3) To the extent practicable, whether children previously or currently under the care of the alleged offender have been sexually abused or are at risk of sexual abuse.~~



~~(e)~~ An investigation shall not be transferred to inactive status because an investigator is awaiting documentary evidence."

The Amendment was read _____

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