

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Mahony**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 20-14-503  
9 TO AUTHORIZE INTERAGENCY RELEASE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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12 Whereas, Arkansas Code Annotated Section 20-14-503 establishes minimum  
13 components for the statewide system for early intervention program for infants  
14 and toddlers with handicaps and their families; and

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16 Whereas, efficient and timely delivery of service to such individuals  
17 requires the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to  
18 share information relating to such individuals and their families.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §20-14-503 is hereby amended by  
23 adding a new paragraph (15) to read as follows:

24 "(15) (A) An interagency agreement entered into by the Department of  
25 Health and the Department of Human Services providing that the names and  
26 addresses from birth records of the infants or toddlers and their families who  
27 based on the information ascertainable from those birth records are eligible  
28 for early intervention services shall be made available between these  
29 agencies.

30 (B) The agency requesting or receiving confidential information  
31 pursuant to such interagency agreement shall take appropriate measures to  
32 protect and maintain the confidentiality of the information and shall not  
33 release or disclose such information, except as necessary to accomplish the  
34 objectives of the system."

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1           SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5           SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to  
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
7 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without  
8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
9 Act are declared to be severable.

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11           SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
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