

1 **State of Arkansas**  
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4 **By: Senator Hardin**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL**

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

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-12-516 (b) (1) (A) TO  
9 PROVIDE FOR THE IMMEDIATE EXPUNGEMENT OF UNFOUNDED REPORTS  
10 OF CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT, SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-12-516 (b) (1) (A) is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 "(b) (1) (A) Records of all reports of abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, or  
18 exploitation shall be retained by the Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry  
19 in accordance with the terms of this subchapter and it shall be sealed when  
20 the youngest minor victim-subject of the report reaches the age of twenty-one  
21 (21) years.

22 (i) Once sealed, the records shall not otherwise be  
23 available unless the department, upon notice to the subject of the report,  
24 gives approval for an appropriate reason.

25 (ii) Reports which were determined to be unfounded  
26 shall be expunged immediately."

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

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32 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3           SECTION 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
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