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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representatives Pollan, Fairchild and Blair**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§12-12-801, 12-12-802, AND
9 12-12-803 CONCERNING MISSING CHILDREN."

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Subtitle

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

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17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §12-12-801(a) is amended to read as follows:

18 "(a) Report of missing child - Notation on records.

19 When either a law enforcement officer or the Attorney General is
20 notified by the parents, guardian, or other person having custody of a child
21 that the child is missing, the law enforcement officer or the Attorney General
22 shall, within five (5) business days after being so notified, inform by
23 certified mail, return receipt requested, the Division of Vital Records of the
24 Department of Health and the superintendent of the school where the child was
25 attending that the child has been reported as missing."

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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §12-12-802 is amended to read as follows:

28 "(a) When the Division of Vital Records receives a request for the
29 birth certificate of a child which has been reported missing pursuant to this
30 subchapter, the division shall within five (5) business days after receipt of
31 the inquiry notify the law enforcement officer or the Attorney General,
32 whoever initiated the report to the division, and furnish the name, address,
33 and telephone number, if known, of the person making the inquiry.

34 (b) The notice to the law enforcement officer or the Attorney General
35 shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested."

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SECTION 3. Arkansas Code §12-12-803 is amended to read as follows:

"(a) When a school receives a request for the records of a child who has been reported missing, the school shall, within five (5) business days, excluding days when the school is closed, after receipt of the inquiry, notify the law enforcement officer or the Attorney General and furnish the name, address, and telephone number, if known, of the person making the inquiry.

(b) The notice shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested."

SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

