Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill 

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SENATE BILL 952

By: Senator Madison
By: Representatives Dees, Walters

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN AND ASSISTANT JUVENILE OMBUDSMEN APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle


#### Abstract

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-87-216(b)(1), concerning the intent of the General Assembly to create a Juvenile Ombudsman Division, is amended to read as follows:
(b)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to create a Juvenile Ombudsman Division of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission to provide for independent oversight of the division's facilities and programs that are unlicensed or unaccredited.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-87-216(c)(11), concerning the powers and duties of a juvenile ombudsman or assistant juvenile ombudsmen, is amended to
read as follows:
(11) To make unannounced visits to the division's unlicensed or unaccredited facilities, whether state-run or privately operated, to assure the safety and well-being of the juveniles;

