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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1010

5 By: Representative Dotson
6 By: Senator B. Ballinger
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
10 AND A DEFENSE TO A CIVIL ACTION TO A MANDATED
11 REPORTER WHO CONTACTS THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE IN GOOD
12 FAITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 PROSECUTION AND A DEFENSE TO A CIVIL
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18 CONTACTS THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE IN GOOD
19 FAITH.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 18, Subchapter 4, is
26 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 12-18-403. Immunity from prosecution – Good faith defense.

28 A mandated reporter under this chapter is immune from prosecution and
29 has an absolute defense to a civil action concerning a report to the Child
30 Abuse Hotline and concerning any action taken by him or her to make the
31 report, if the report was done in good faith.
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