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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1746

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6 By: Senator K. Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR
10 INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE REPORTS TO THE CHILD ABUSE
11 HOTLINE IN GOOD FAITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY
16 FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE REPORTS TO THE
17 CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE IN GOOD FAITH.
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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 § 12-18-401 is amended to read as follows:
23 12-18-401. Generally.

24 (a) A person may immediately notify the Child Abuse Hotline if he or
25 she:

26 (1) Has reasonable cause to suspect that:

27 (A) Child maltreatment has occurred; or

28 (B) A child has died as a result of child maltreatment; or

29 (2) Observes a child being subjected to conditions or
30 circumstances that would reasonably result in child maltreatment.

31 (b) A person who in good faith notifies the hotline in accordance with
32 subsection (a) of this section is immune from civil and criminal liability.
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