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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
10 PREVENTION BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
11 THROUGH A TYPE 3 TRANSFER; TO ABOLISH THE STATE CHILD  
12 ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO TRANSFER THE STATE CHILD ABUSE AND  
17 NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD TO THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES THROUGH A  
19 TYPE 3 TRANSFER; AND TO ABOLISH THE STATE  
20 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION BOARD.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Abolition of the Child Abuse and Neglect  
27 Prevention Board.

28 (a) The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board is abolished,  
29 and its powers, duties, and functions, records, personnel, property,  
30 unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds are  
31 transferred to the Department of Human Services to be administered by the  
32 Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services  
33 by a type 3 transfer under § 25-2-106.

34 (b) For the purposes of this act, the Department of Human Services  
35 shall be considered a principal department established by Acts 1971, No. 38.  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-11-203(c), concerning the issuance of a  
 2 marriage license, is amended to read as follows:

3 (c)(1) In addition to the standard certificate of marriage issued  
 4 under subsection (a) of this section, the county clerk shall offer and, upon  
 5 payment of a fee established by ~~regulation~~ rule promulgated by the ~~State~~  
 6 ~~Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board~~ Department of Human Services, issue  
 7 an heirloom certificate of marriage.

8 (2)(A) The ~~board~~ department shall adopt rules for the design of  
 9 the heirloom certificate and shall print and distribute the certificates to  
 10 each county clerk in this state.

11 (B)(i) The ~~board~~ department shall set the amount of the  
 12 fee for the heirloom certificates to exceed the estimated actual costs for  
 13 the development and distribution of the certificates but not to exceed the  
 14 estimated fair market value of a comparable artistic rendition.

15 (ii) The fee is in addition to any other fee  
 16 established by law for the issuance of a certificate of marriage.

17 (iii) The additional fees from the sale of heirloom  
 18 certificates shall be transmitted monthly by the county clerk to the  
 19 Treasurer of State for deposit into the State Treasury to the credit of the  
 20 Children's Trust Fund.

21 (3)(A) The heirloom certificate shall be in a form consistent  
 22 with the need to protect the integrity of vital records and suitable for  
 23 display.

24 (B) It may bear the seal of the state and may be signed by  
 25 the Governor.

26 (4) An heirloom certificate of marriage issued under this  
 27 subsection has the same status as evidence as the standard certificate of  
 28 marriage issued under subsection (a) of this section.

29 (5) Heirloom certificates of marriage may be issued for any  
 30 marriage certificate issued at any time in this state, whether before or  
 31 after August 13, 2001.

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 33 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-30-101 is repealed.

34 ~~9-30-101. Title.~~

35 ~~This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Child Abuse and~~  
 36 ~~Neglect Prevention Act".~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 9-30-102 is repealed.

~~9-30-102. Purpose.~~

~~It is the purpose of this chapter to encourage the direct provision of services to prevent:~~

~~(1) Child abuse and neglect; and~~

~~(2) Children of prisoners from becoming future prisoners.~~

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 9-30-103 is amended to read as follows:

9-30-103. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

~~(1) "Board" means the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board created by this chapter;~~

~~(2)~~(1) "Child" means a person under eighteen (18) years of age;

~~(3)~~(2)(A) "Child abuse" means any nonaccidental physical injury, mental injury, sexual abuse, or sexual exploitation inflicted by those legally responsible for the care and maintenance of the child, or an injury that is at variance with the history given.

(B) ~~The term~~ "Child abuse" encompasses both acts and omissions;

~~(4)~~(3) "Local council" means an organization ~~formed under rules prescribed by the board~~ consisting of an employee of the Department of Human Services, an employee of the Department of Health, an employee of a public secondary or elementary school, an employee of the county sheriff's office or a city police department, a citizen at large, and any other persons deemed necessary by the ~~board~~ Department of Human Services, including, but not limited to, representatives from other groups or entities involved with child abuse and neglect or family violence;

~~(5)~~(4) "Neglect" means:

(A) Failure to provide, by those legally responsible for:

(i) The care and maintenance of the child and the proper or necessary support;

(ii) Education, as required by law; or

(iii) Medical, surgical, or any other care necessary for his or her well-being; or

(B)(i) Any maltreatment of the child.

1                   (ii) The term includes both acts and omissions.  
 2 ~~Nothing in this~~ This chapter shall not be construed to mean a child is  
 3 neglected or abused for the sole reason he or she is being provided treatment  
 4 by spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance with the tenets or  
 5 practices of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly  
 6 accredited practitioner thereof in lieu of medical or surgical treatment;

7                   ~~(6)~~(5) “Parenting-from-prison program” means classes or services  
 8 provided to incarcerated parents at any detention or correctional facility;

9                   ~~(7)(A)~~(6)(A) “Prevention program” means a system of direct  
 10 provision of child abuse and neglect primary and secondary prevention  
 11 services to a child or guardian and includes research programs related to  
 12 prevention of child abuse and neglect.

13                   (B)(i) “Primary prevention” means programs and services  
 14 designed to promote the general welfare of children and families.

15                   (ii) “Secondary prevention” means the identification  
 16 of children who are in circumstances in which there is a high risk that abuse  
 17 or neglect will occur and assistance is necessary and appropriate to prevent  
 18 abuse or neglect from occurring; and

19                   ~~(8)~~(7) “Program for the children of prisoners” means school or  
 20 community-based services provided to:

21                   (A) The children of individuals incarcerated in any  
 22 detention or correctional facility; or

23                   (B) The caregivers of children of individuals incarcerated  
 24 in any detention or correctional facility.

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 26 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 9-30-104 is repealed.

27 ~~9-30-104. State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.~~

28 ~~(a) The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board is created as~~  
 29 ~~an autonomous agency.~~

30 ~~(b)(1) The board shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by~~  
 31 ~~the Governor.~~

32                   ~~(A) One (1) from each of the present four (4)~~  
 33 ~~congressional districts;~~

34                   ~~(B) Four (4) from the state at large; and~~

35                   ~~(C) The Director of the Division of Children and Family~~  
 36 ~~Services of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee.~~

1           ~~(2) No more than three (3) members of the board shall reside in~~  
 2 ~~the same congressional district.~~

3           ~~(3) As a group, the members shall demonstrate knowledge in the~~  
 4 ~~area of child abuse and neglect prevention and to the extent practicable~~  
 5 ~~shall be representative of the professional providers of child abuse and~~  
 6 ~~neglect prevention services, volunteers in child abuse and neglect prevention~~  
 7 ~~services, and providers of domestic violence programs.~~

8           ~~(c)(1) The term of each member shall be three (3) years with the~~  
 9 ~~exception of the position designated for the director.~~

10           ~~(2) A member shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive~~  
 11 ~~terms, whether partial or full.~~

12           ~~(3) A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired~~  
 13 ~~term in the same manner as the original appointment.~~

14           ~~(d)(1) The Governor shall designate a chair of the board from among~~  
 15 ~~its members, who shall serve in that position at the pleasure of the~~  
 16 ~~Governor.~~

17           ~~(2) The board may elect such other officers and committees as it~~  
 18 ~~considers appropriate.~~

19           ~~(e) Board members may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with~~  
 20 ~~§ 25-16-901 et seq.~~

21           ~~(f) The board may appoint an executive director who, subject to~~  
 22 ~~approval by the board, shall hire all staff required to implement this~~  
 23 ~~chapter.~~

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 25           SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 9-30-105 is amended to read as follows:

26           9-30-105. Powers and duties of ~~board~~ the Department of Human Services.

27           ~~(a) The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board shall:~~

28                   ~~(1) Meet not fewer than two (2) times annually;~~

29                   ~~(2) Establish a procedure for the annual internal evaluation of~~  
 30 ~~the functions, responsibilities, and performance of the board;~~

31                   ~~(3) Adopt~~ (a) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules  
 32 necessary for the implementation of this chapter; and

33                   ~~(4) In cooperation with the Department of Health and the~~  
 34 ~~Department of Human Services, adopt rules to implement a home visitation~~  
 35 ~~program under § 20-78-901 et seq.~~

36           (b) Regarding the administration of the Children's Trust Fund, the

1 ~~board~~ department shall:

2 (1) Promulgate ~~regulations~~ rules prescribing the procedure for  
3 establishing local councils;

4 (2) Provide for the coordination and exchange of information on  
5 the establishment and maintenance of local councils and prevention programs;

6 (3) Develop and publicize criteria for the distribution of  
7 Children's Trust Fund money under § 9-30-106;

8 (4) Monitor the expenditure of Children's Trust Fund money by  
9 persons, groups, and entities who receive Children's Trust Fund money from  
10 the ~~board~~ department; and

11 (5) Provide statewide educational and public information  
12 seminars for the purpose of developing appropriate public awareness regarding  
13 the problems of child abuse and neglect, encourage professional persons and  
14 groups to recognize and deal with problems of child abuse and neglect, make  
15 information about the problems of child abuse and neglect available to the  
16 public and organizations and agencies that deal with problems of child abuse  
17 and neglect, and encourage the development of community prevention programs.

18 (c) Regarding the administration of the One Percent to Prevent Fund,  
19 to the extent funding is appropriated and available, the ~~board~~ department  
20 shall:

21 (1) Develop and implement parenting-from-prison programs with  
22 preference given to facilities where parenting-from-prison programs exist or  
23 where community-based services are available;

24 (2) Develop and implement a post-release parenting program for  
25 parents who have been recently released from a detention or correctional  
26 facility in communities that can establish a need for the services;

27 (3) Develop and implement a program for the children of  
28 prisoners in communities that can establish a need for the services;

29 (4) Develop and implement other services and programs as needed  
30 that prevent children of prisoners from becoming future prisoners;

31 (5) Provide training, quality assurance, and technical  
32 assistance for each of the services and programs funded under the One Percent  
33 to Prevent Fund;

34 (6) Provide for the evaluation by an independent source of all  
35 services and programs funded by the One Percent to Prevent Fund; and

36 (7) On or before October 1 of each year, provide an annual

1 report to the Chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth and  
2 the Chair of the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative  
3 and Military Affairs summarizing the evaluations of the One Percent to  
4 Prevent Fund.

5 (d) The ~~board~~ department may enter into contracts with any person,  
6 group of persons, or legal entity to fulfill the requirements of this  
7 section.

8 ~~(e) All books, records, and documents pertaining to the board or the~~  
9 ~~performance of any official function of the board shall be public records and~~  
10 ~~open to the public at all reasonable times.~~

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12 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 9-30-106 is amended to read as follows:  
13 9-30-106. Receipt of money.

14 (a)(1) The ~~State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board~~ Department  
15 of Human Services shall be the sole entity authorized to receive money from  
16 the federal government, other governments, persons, or any other entities for  
17 the Children's Trust Fund and the One Percent to Prevent Fund.

18 (2) The moneys received for the Children's Trust Fund and the  
19 One Percent to Prevent Fund are separate and shall be used only for the  
20 purposes provided in this chapter.

21 (b)(1) Regarding the Children's Trust Fund, the ~~board~~ department shall  
22 not accept money or other assistance from the federal government or any other  
23 entity or person if the acceptance would obligate the State of Arkansas,  
24 except to the extent money is available in the Children's Trust Fund subject  
25 to the expenditure limitations prescribed by this chapter for the Children's  
26 Trust Fund; and

27 (2) All money except money from the federal government received  
28 in the manner described in this section shall be transmitted to the Treasurer  
29 of State for deposit into the Children's Trust Fund.

30 (c) Regarding the One Percent to Prevent Fund, the ~~board~~ department  
31 shall not accept money or other assistance from the federal government or any  
32 other entity or person if the acceptance would obligate the State of  
33 Arkansas, except to the extent money is available in the One Percent to  
34 Prevent Fund.

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36 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 9-30-107 is amended to read as follows:

1 9-30-107. Disbursement of funds.

2 (a) ~~The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board~~ Department of  
 3 Human Services may disburse money appropriated from the Children’s Trust Fund  
 4 exclusively ~~for the following purposes:~~

5 ~~(1) To~~ to make grants or loans to any person, group of persons,  
 6 or legal entity for the development or operation of a prevention program if  
 7 at least all of the following conditions are met:

8 ~~(A)(1)~~ (1) The appropriate local council has reviewed and  
 9 approved the program;

10 ~~(B)(2)~~ (2) The organization demonstrates an ability to match  
 11 through money or in-kind services at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the  
 12 amount of any Children’s Trust Fund money to be disbursed to it;

13 ~~(C)(3)~~ (3) The organization demonstrates a willingness and  
 14 ability to provide prevention program models and consultation to  
 15 organizations and communities regarding prevention program development and  
 16 maintenance; and

17 ~~(D)(4)~~ (4) Other conditions that the ~~board~~ department may deem  
 18 appropriate; ~~and.~~

19 ~~(2) The operating expenses of the board.~~

20 (b) Disbursement of Children’s Trust Fund money under subsection (a)  
 21 of this section shall be kept at a minimum in furtherance of the primary  
 22 purpose of the Children’s Trust Fund, which is to disburse money ~~under~~  
 23 ~~subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) of this section~~ to encourage the direct provision  
 24 of services to prevent child abuse and neglect.

25 (c)(1)~~(A)~~ Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) of this section,  
 26 the ~~board~~ department may disburse money appropriated from the One Percent to  
 27 Prevent Fund exclusively to make grants to any person, group of persons, or  
 28 legal entity for the development, implementation, operation, or improvement  
 29 of a parenting-from-prison program, a program for the children of prisoners,  
 30 or a post-release parenting program as provided in § 9-30-105(c)(2).

31 ~~(B)(2)~~ (2) To make a grant under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this  
 32 section, the following requirements must be met:

33 ~~(i)(A)~~ (A) The ~~board~~ department or its designee reviews  
 34 and approves the program;

35 ~~(ii)(B)~~ (B) The person or entity applying for the grant  
 36 demonstrates the academic background and evaluative experience necessary to

1 provide program models and consultation on any of the programs under § 9-30-  
2 105(c); and

3 ~~(iii)~~(C) Other conditions that the ~~board~~ department  
4 may deem appropriate.

5 ~~(2) The board may disburse money appropriated from the One~~  
6 ~~Percent to Prevent Fund for the operating expenses of the board.~~

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8 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 9-30-108 is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 9-30-108. Criteria for grants or loans.

11 Regarding the Children's Trust Fund, in making grants or loans to a  
12 local council, the ~~State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board~~ Department  
13 of Human Services shall consider the degree to which the local council meets  
14 the following criteria:

15 (1)(A) Has as its primary purpose the development and  
16 facilitation of a community prevention program in a specific geographical  
17 area.

18 (B) The prevention programs shall utilize trained  
19 volunteers and existing community resources wherever practicable;

20 (2) Does not provide direct services except on a demonstration  
21 project basis, or as a facilitator of interagency projects; and

22 (3) Demonstrates a willingness and ability to provide prevention  
23 program models and consultation to organizations and communities regarding  
24 prevention program development and maintenance.

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26 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 9-30-109 is amended to read as follows:

27 9-30-109. Children's Trust Fund.

28 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
29 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special trust  
30 fund to be known as the "Children's Trust Fund".

31 (b) All county clerks in this state shall charge a fee of ten dollars  
32 (\$10.00) in addition to all other fees prescribed by law for each marriage  
33 license issued, and the clerks shall transmit the ten-dollar fee to the  
34 Treasurer of State who shall deposit it into the trust as special revenues.

35 (c)(1) Until the balance of the trust fund reaches ten million dollars  
36 (\$10,000,000), not more than eighty percent (80%) of the money credited to

1 the trust fund during any fiscal year shall be disbursed during that fiscal  
 2 year.

3 (2) When the balance in the trust fund reaches ten million  
 4 dollars (\$10,000,000), disbursements from the trust fund shall be limited to  
 5 the amount in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).

6 (d) The Treasurer of State shall credit to the trust fund all moneys  
 7 earned on the trust fund balance.

8 (e) No more than twenty percent (20%) of the revenues derived from the  
 9 marriage license fees during any fiscal year shall be used to cover the  
 10 administrative costs of the trust fund ~~and the operation of the State Child~~  
 11 ~~Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.~~

12 (f) The twenty-percent limitation does not apply to capital  
 13 expenditures.

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15 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 19-5-949(b), concerning the Children's  
 16 Trust Fund, is amended to read as follows:

17 (b) The fund shall consist of those special revenues as specified in §  
 18 19-6-301(189) and moneys received from the federal government, other  
 19 governments, or persons or any other entities ~~which~~ that do not obligate the  
 20 State of Arkansas, there to be used by the ~~State Child Abuse and Neglect~~  
 21 ~~Prevention Board as set out in the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Act, §~~  
 22 ~~9-30-101 et seq~~ Department of Human Services.

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24 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 19-6-488(c), concerning the One Percent to  
 25 Prevent Fund, is amended to read as follows:

26 (c) The fund shall be exclusively used by the ~~State Child Abuse and~~  
 27 ~~Neglect Prevention Board~~ Department of Human Services to prevent the children  
 28 of prisoners from becoming future prisoners ~~as provided under §§ 9-30-105(e)~~  
 29 ~~and 9-30-107(e).~~

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31 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 20-76-102(8), concerning the coordination  
 32 of state agency service delivery, is repealed.

33 ~~(8) The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board;~~

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35 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 20-78-703(b), concerning the Rita Rowell  
 36 Hale Prenatal and Early Childhood Nurse Home Visitation Program Advisory

1 Council, is amended to read as follows:

2 (b) The council shall consist of eleven (11) members to be appointed  
3 by the Governor as follows:

4 (1) ~~Two (2)~~ Three (3) members from the Department of Health to  
5 be appointed by the Governor after consulting the Director of the Department  
6 of Health and subject to confirmation by the Senate;

7 (2) Two (2) members from the College of Medicine of the  
8 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to be appointed by the Governor  
9 after consulting the Dean of the College of Medicine of the University of  
10 Arkansas for Medical Sciences and subject to confirmation by the Senate;

11 (3) One (1) member from the College of Nursing of the University  
12 of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to be appointed by the Governor after  
13 consulting the Dean of the College of Nursing of the University of Arkansas  
14 for Medical Sciences and subject to confirmation by the Senate;

15 (4) One (1) member from the Arkansas Nurses Association;

16 (5) One (1) member from the ~~University of Arkansas at Little~~  
17 ~~Rock~~ School of Social Work of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to be  
18 appointed by the Governor after consulting the Director of the School of  
19 Social Work of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and subject to  
20 confirmation by the Senate;

21 (6) One (1) member from the Division of Child Care and Early  
22 Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services; and

23 ~~(7) One (1) member from the State Child Abuse and Neglect~~  
24 ~~Prevention Board to be appointed by the Governor after consulting the~~  
25 ~~director and subject to confirmation by the Senate; and~~

26 ~~(8)~~(7) Two (2) members from the public at large, at least one  
27 (1) of whom shall be active in child advocacy within the state and one (1) of  
28 whom shall be African-American.

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30 SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 20-78-902(b), concerning oversight of home  
31 visitation programs, is amended to read as follows:

32 (b) The ~~State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board~~, the Department  
33 of Health, and the Department of Human Services shall cooperate to ensure  
34 accountability of home visitation.

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36 SECTION 17. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 20-78-903,

1 concerning evidence-based programs and promising programs in relation to home  
2 visitation programs, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board,~~ the Department of  
4 Health, and the Department of Human Services shall cooperate to use at least  
5 ninety percent (90%) of state funds appropriated for home visitation to  
6 support home visitation programs that are:

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8 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 20-78-905(a), concerning processes for  
9 oversight related to a home visiting program, is amended to read as follows:

10 (a) ~~The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board,~~ the Department  
11 of Health, and the Department of Human Services shall cooperate to develop  
12 interrelated processes that provide for collaborating and sharing relevant  
13 home visiting program data and information.

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15 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 20-78-907 is amended to read as follows:  
16 20-78-907. Outcomes measurement – Report.

17 (a) ~~The State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board,~~ the Department  
18 of Health, the Department of Human Services, and providers of home visiting  
19 program services in consultation with one (1) or more research experts shall:

20 (1) Develop an outcomes measurement plan to monitor outcomes for  
21 children and families receiving services through state-funded home visiting  
22 programs;

23 (2) Develop indicators that measure each outcome area under §  
24 20-78-902; and

25 (3) Create a report that documents the collective impact of home  
26 visiting program outcomes across all indicators selected through the process  
27 outlined in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, as well as data on cost per  
28 family served, number of families served, demographic data on families  
29 served, and outcomes.

30 (b)(1) The Department of Health, and the Department of Human Services,  
31 ~~and the board~~ shall complete and submit the outcomes measurement plan  
32 required under this section by October 1, 2014, to the Legislative Council  
33 and the Governor.

34 (2) The Department of Health, and the Department of Human  
35 Services, ~~and the board~~ shall update the outcomes measurement plan required  
36 under this section at least one (1) time each five (5) years, and the plan

1 may be updated at other times if ~~the board,~~ the Department of Health, and the  
2 Department of Human Services collaboratively agree to the need for revisions.

3 (c) Beginning October 1, 2014, a state-funded home visiting program  
4 shall follow the outcomes measurement plan and at least annually submit  
5 indicator data to the ~~board,~~ the Department of Health, and the Department of  
6 Human Services.

7 (d)(1) The ~~board,~~ the Department of Health, and the Department of  
8 Human Services shall produce collaboratively an outcomes report for the  
9 Legislative Council and the Governor following the reporting requirements in  
10 subdivision (a)(3) of this section.

11 (2) The report required under subdivision (d)(1) of this section  
12 may be structured to facilitate the use of existing reporting requirements  
13 including referencing rather than duplicating reports required for submission  
14 to the Legislative Council under an existing statute requiring outcome  
15 reporting for home visitation programs.

16 (e) The ~~board,~~ the Department of Health, and the Department of Human  
17 Services shall explore the value of including home visiting outcome data in a  
18 health-based, education-based, or child welfare-based statewide longitudinal  
19 data system for the purpose of monitoring outcomes over time for families  
20 that participate in home visiting and other state programs.

21 (f) The first home visitation outcomes report shall be completed on or  
22 before October 1, 2016, and shall be submitted to the Legislative Council and  
23 the Governor on or before October 1 of each even-numbered year.

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25 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 25-10-142 is amended to read as follows:

26 25-10-142. Home visitation program.

27 In cooperation with the ~~State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board~~  
28 ~~and the~~ Department of Health, the Department of Human Services shall adopt  
29 rules to implement a home visitation program under § 20-78-901 et seq.

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31 SECTION 21. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
32 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it would be prudent to abolish  
33 the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board and transfer the powers  
34 and duties of the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to the  
35 Department of Human Services; that this act facilitates the timely transfer  
36 of the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to the Department of

1 Human Services; and that this act is necessary for alignment with the fiscal  
2 year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being  
3 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall  
4 become effective on July 1, 2017.

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