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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
10 CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF FOSTER HOME AND
11 ADOPTIVE HOME RECORDS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING
12 THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS
13 OF CHILD MALTREATMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
17 CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF FOSTER
18 HOME AND ADOPTIVE HOME RECORDS; AND TO
19 AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF
20 INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS OF
21 CHILD MALTREATMENT.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-28-407(h)(2)(I), concerning the
28 confidentiality and release of foster home and adoptive home records, is
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (I) To the attorney ad litem and court-appointed special
31 advocate, the home ~~study~~ studies on the potential adoptive ~~family~~ families
32 selected by the Department of Human Services to adopt the juvenile or as
33 ordered by the court.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-620(e), concerning the release of
36 information relating to a pending investigation of a report of child



1 maltreatment, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

2 (11) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate
 3 of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged
 4 offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement
 5 location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home,
 6 shelter, or facility.

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 8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-18-710(e), concerning the release of
 9 information relating to a completed investigation of a report of child
 10 maltreatment, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

11 (12) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate
 12 of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged
 13 offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement
 14 location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home,
 15 shelter, or facility.

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 17 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-18-813(f), concerning the confirmation
 18 of an investigative determination made under the Child Maltreatment Act, is
 19 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

20 (12) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate
 21 of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged
 22 offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement
 23 location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home,
 24 shelter, or facility.