For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ARRESTING AUTHORITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLABORATIVE MULTI-AGENCY ALLIANCE TO FORM AND IMPLEMENT A CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ARRESTING AUTHORITY; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLABORATIVE MULTI-AGENCY ALLIANCE TO FORM AND IMPLEMENT A CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 32, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:


(a)(1) The following agencies shall collaborate in a multi-agency effort to rescue abducted or endangered children, implement one (1) or more statewide child abduction response teams, and allocate the respective resources of each agency to cases involving missing or endangered children:

(A) Attorney General;

(B) Department of Arkansas State Police;

(C) Criminal Justice Institute;

(D) Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;
(E) Arkansas Sheriffs’ Association;
(F) Arkansas Department of Emergency Management;
(G) Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police;
(H) Department of Community Correction; and
(I) Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator.

(2) Each agency listed under subsection (a) of this section shall:

(A) Execute a memorandum of understanding concerning the guidelines for the implementation of one (1) or more statewide child abduction response teams; and

(B) Respectively coordinate the available resources of the agency to implement one (1) or more statewide child abduction response teams and adhere to the executed memorandum of understanding.

(b) The Department of Arkansas State Police shall:

(1) Assemble one (1) or more statewide child abduction response teams; and

(2) Ensure that the agencies listed under subsection (a) of this section work in partnership to:

(A) Respond to child abduction incidents; and

(B) Provide preventative measures for child abduction.

(c) The Criminal Justice Institute shall coordinate the certification and recertification of each statewide child abduction response team.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-81-106(c)(3), concerning the authority to arrest, is amended to read as follows:

(3) Statewide arrest powers for a certified law enforcement officer will be in effect only when the certified law enforcement officer is working:

(A) outside his or her jurisdiction at the request of or with the permission of the municipal or county law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the locale where the certified law enforcement officer is assisting or working by request; or

(B)(i) As part of a child abduction response team.

(ii) As used in subdivision (c)(3)(B)(i) of this section, "child abduction response team" means a multi-agency or multi-jurisdictional composite of community professionals who are trained and
equipped to respond in the search and recovery of an abducted or endangered child.

/s/Petty