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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1746

5 By: Representatives Kelly, Bentley, Evans, Gates, B. Smith, Vaught, Wooten  
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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35 APPROVED: 4/12/19  
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