

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-093

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 587

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6 By: Senator A. Clark

7 Filed with: Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO CREATE THE CHILD MALTREATMENT INVESTIGATION
11 BODY CAMERA PILOT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO CREATE THE CHILD MALTREATMENT
16 INVESTIGATION BODY CAMERA PILOT PROGRAM.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 18, is amended to add an
22 additional subchapter to read as follows:

23 Subchapter 13 – Child Maltreatment Investigation Body Camera Pilot Program

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25 12-18-1301. Title.

26 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Child
27 Maltreatment Investigation Body Camera Pilot Program".

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29 12-18-1302. Legislative intent.

30 It is the intent of the General Assembly that this subchapter:

31 (1) Reduce the number of complaints and allegations made against
32 employees of the child welfare system in this state;

33 (2) Assist in creating opportunities for the improved training
34 and skill enhancement of each person who is assigned to investigate child
35 maltreatment or suspected child maltreatment and of other employees of the
36 child welfare system;

1 (3) Increase transparency in the investigation of child
2 maltreatment or suspected child maltreatment; and

3 (4) Improve public confidence and trust in the child welfare
4 system operations of this state.

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6 12-18-1303. Child Maltreatment Investigation Body Camera Pilot
7 Program.

8 (a) There is created a program to be known as the "Child Maltreatment
9 Investigation Body Camera Pilot Program".

10 (b) The program shall be developed, implemented, and administered by
11 the Department of Human Services in collaboration with the Department of
12 Arkansas State Police.

13 (c) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Arkansas
14 State Police shall:

15 (1) Work cooperatively to establish criteria and recommendations
16 for the use of a body camera by an investigator during the investigation of
17 child maltreatment or suspected child maltreatment; and

18 (2) Require no more than ten (10) investigators to each use a
19 body camera during his or her interview of a person required to be
20 interviewed as part of an investigation of child maltreatment or suspected
21 child maltreatment in § 12-18-605.

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23 12-18-1304. Funding

24 (a) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Arkansas
25 State Police shall:

26 (1) Cooperatively work to fund the implementation of the Child
27 Maltreatment Investigation Body Camera Pilot Program; and

28 (2) Execute a memorandum of understanding to delineate each
29 department's participation, obligation, and cooperation in providing funds
30 for the implementation of the program.

31 (b) The General Assembly recognizes that the agreement under
32 subsection (a) of this section is not:

33 (1) A mandate by the General Assembly; or

34 (2) An appropriation of funds by the General Assembly.

1 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Child Maltreatment Investigation Body Camera
2 Pilot Program – Reporting.

3 By December 31, 2020, the Department of Human Services and the
4 Department of Arkansas State Police shall submit a joint report on whether or
5 not the Child Maltreatment Investigation Body Camera Pilot Program has been
6 successful and the requirements necessary to continue the use of a body
7 camera by each investigator of child maltreatment or suspected child
8 maltreatment:

9 (1) Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth; and

10 (2) House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative
11 and Military Affairs.

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14 Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate

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