

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 1285 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 2276

5 By: Representative Jackson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
10 PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS CHILD
11 ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION AND THE
12 CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SECTION OF THE
13 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES; AND
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS CHILD
18 ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-82-201 is amended to read as follows:
25 20-82-201. Creation - Members.

26 (a) There is hereby created the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic
27 Violence Commission, to be composed of twenty-five (25) persons appointed by
28 the Governor for two-year staggered terms and until the successor is
29 appointed and qualified.

30 (b) The membership of the commission shall consist of the following:

31 (1) A representative of domestic violence programs or domestic
32 violence service providers in Arkansas;

33 (2) A representative of the Department of Arkansas State Police;

34 (3) A physician specializing in the treatment of child abuse;

35 (4) A prosecuting attorney who is a member of the Arkansas
36 Prosecuting Attorneys Association;

- 1 (5) A defense attorney;
- 2 (6) A representative of a victim-witness program;
- 3 (7) A representative of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training
- 4 Academy;
- 5 (8) A representative of education;
- 6 (9) A representative of the Division of Children and Family
- 7 Services of the Department of Human Services;
- 8 (10) A representative of a parents' group;
- 9 (11) A mental health professional specializing in the treatment
- 10 of child abuse or domestic violence or rape;
- 11 (12) A representative of the Arkansas Department of Correction
- 12 Sex Offender Treatment Program;
- 13 ~~(13) A member of the House of Representatives;~~
- 14 ~~(14) A member of the Senate;~~
- 15 ~~(15)~~(13) A representative of city or county law enforcement;
- 16 ~~(16)~~(14) A representative of children with disabilities;
- 17 ~~(17)~~(15) A municipal judge or circuit judge;
- 18 ~~(18)~~(16) A chancery judge;
- 19 ~~(19)~~(17) A representative of the State Crime Laboratory;
- 20 ~~(20)~~(18) A representative of the Department of Health;
- 21 ~~(21)~~(19) A representative of rape crisis centers;
- 22 ~~(22)~~(20) A representative of the Arkansas Hospital Association;
- 23 ~~(23)~~(21) A representative of the office of the Attorney General;
- 24 ~~(24)~~(22) One (1) member at large;
- 25 ~~(25)~~(23) A Court Appointed Special Advocate representative;
- 26 ~~(26)~~(24) A Guardian Ad Litem; and
- 27 ~~(27)~~(25) A representative of area health education center
- 28 programs.

29 (c) Members of the commission may receive expense reimbursement in
 30 accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

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32 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 20-82-203 is repealed.*

33 ~~20-82-203. Disbursement of funds.~~

34 ~~(a)(1) The designated state grantee who receives funds received~~
 35 ~~through the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 shall not disburse any funds~~
 36 ~~received without prior review and advice of the commission.~~

1 ~~(2) The office of the Prosecutor Coordinator shall not disburse~~
2 ~~any funds received through the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 without~~
3 ~~the prior approval of the commission.~~

4 ~~(b) If the Governor designates the office of the Prosecutor~~
5 ~~Coordinator as the grant administrator, then the Prosecutor Coordinator shall~~
6 ~~be entitled to utilize three thousand dollars (\$3,000) of the federal Victims~~
7 ~~of Crime Act of 1984 funds for audit and other administrative expenses each~~
8 ~~fiscal year without the consent of the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic~~
9 ~~Violence Commission.~~

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11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 20-82-206 is amended to read as follows:

12 20-82-206. Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Section - Duties.

13 The Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Section of the University of
14 Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall have the authority and responsibility to:

15 (1) Administer and disburse funds received through the Children's
16 Justice Act, rape funds received through the Preventive Health Services Block
17 Grant, and any other federal and grant funds;

18 (2) Receive and expend grants, donations, and funds from public and
19 private sources to carry out its responsibilities;

20 (3) Educate professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecuting
21 attorneys, trial and appellate judges, municipal judges, Department of Human
22 Services employees, and other victim service providers regarding issues,
23 interventions, and other matters associated with child abuse, rape, and
24 domestic violence;

25 (4) Research, develop, and disseminate resource materials as needed;

26 (5) Facilitate the development of and contract with local
27 multidisciplinary teams throughout the state, the purpose of which is to
28 provide coordinated investigation and service delivery to child victims of
29 severe maltreatment;

30 (6) Authorize local multidisciplinary teams throughout the state to
31 review instances of child deaths involving children ages birth through ~~eleven~~
32 ~~(11)~~ seventeen (17) years of age;

33 (7) Provide support, coordination, and technical assistance to
34 providers of services for rape, domestic violence, and child abuse victims;

35 (8) Develop a database for use in Arkansas which addresses information
36 about the effectiveness of treatment programs and other intervention efforts

1 in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse, child sexual abuse, and rape
2 and which focuses on interventions with victims, families, and perpetrators;

3 (9) Advise the Governor as to the immediate needs and priorities
4 surrounding the issues of child abuse, domestic violence, and rape;

5 ~~(10) Establish and develop standards and guidelines and administer a~~
6 ~~State Guardian Ad Litem and Court Appointed Special Advocate Program that~~
7 ~~provides services to abused, neglected, or dependent children involved in~~
8 ~~judicial proceedings;~~

9 ~~(11)~~(10) Contract and be contracted with;

10 ~~(12)~~(11) Provide consultation and technical assistance to
11 professionals regarding child abuse, rape, and domestic violence; and

12 ~~(13)~~(12) Work with the area health education center program of the
13 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to research, develop, and
14 disseminate resource materials for regions in the state.

15 /s/ Jackson

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