1	State of Arkansas	
2	84th General Assembly	**A Bill** **Act 1008 of 2003**
3	Regular Session, 2003	SENATE BILL 952

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5 By: Senator Madison

6 By: Representatives Dees, Walters

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9   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10   AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE

11   POWERS AND DUTIES OF A JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN AND

12   ASSISTANT JUVENILE OMBUDSMEN APPOINTED BY THE

13   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC

14   DEFENDER COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16   **Subtitle**

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18   CONCERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A

19   JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN AND ASSISTANT

20   JUVENILE OMBUDSMEN APPOINTED BY THE

21   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ARKANSAS

22   PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION.

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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 § 16-87-216(b)(1), concerning the intent of

28 the General Assembly to create a Juvenile Ombudsman Division, is amended to

29 read as follows:

30   (b)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to create a Juvenile

31 Ombudsman Division of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission to provide for

32 independent oversight of the division's facilities and programs <u>that are</u>

33 <u>unlicensed or unaccredited</u>.

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35   SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-87-216(c)(11), concerning the powers and

36 duties of a juvenile ombudsman or assistant juvenile ombudsmen, is amended to

1   read as follows:

2   (11)   To make unannounced visits to the division's <u>unlicensed or</u>

3   <u>unaccredited</u> facilities, whether state-run or privately operated, to assure

4   the safety and well-being of the juveniles;

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7   APPROVED: 4/1/2003

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