

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

HOUSE BILL 2271

5 By: Representative D. Creekmore
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CHILD MALTREATMENT
10 ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CHILD MALTREATMENT
14 ACT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-402(b) as enacted by Section 1 of Act*
20 *749 of 2009, concerning mandated reporters for child maltreatment, is amended*
21 *to read as follows:*

22 *(b) The following individuals are mandated reporters under this*
23 *chapter:*

24 *(1) A child care worker or foster care worker;*

25 *(2) A coroner;*

26 *(3) A day care center worker;*

27 *(4) A dentist;*

28 *(5) A dental hygienist;*

29 *(6) A domestic abuse advocate;*

30 *(7) A domestic violence shelter employee;*

31 *(8) A domestic violence shelter volunteer;*

32 *(9) An employee of the Department of Human Services;*

33 *(10) An employee working under contract for the Division of*
34 *Youth Services of the Department of Human Services;*

35 *(11) A foster parent;*



- 1 (12) A judge;
- 2 (13) A law enforcement official;
- 3 (14) A licensed nurse;
- 4 (15) Medical personnel who may be engaged in the admission,
5 examination, care, or treatment of persons;
- 6 (16) A mental health professional;
- 7 (17) An osteopath;
- 8 (18) A peace officer;
- 9 (19) A physician;
- 10 (20) A prosecuting attorney;
- 11 (21) A resident intern;
- 12 (22) A school counselor;
- 13 (23) A school official;
- 14 (24) A social worker;
- 15 (25) A surgeon;
- 16 (26) A teacher;
- 17 (27) A court-appointed special advocate program staff member or
18 volunteer;
- 19 (28) A juvenile intake or probation officer;
- 20 (29) A clergy member, which includes a minister, priest, rabbi,
21 accredited Christian Science practitioner, or other similar functionary of a
22 religious organization, or an individual reasonably believed to be so by the
23 person consulting him or her, except to the extent the clergy member:
- 24 (A) Has acquired knowledge of suspected child maltreatment
25 through communications required to be kept confidential pursuant to the
26 religious discipline of the relevant denomination or faith; or
- 27 (B) Received the knowledge of the suspected child
28 maltreatment from the alleged offender in the context of a statement of
29 admission;
- 30 (30) An employee of a child advocacy center or a child safety
31 center; ~~or~~
- 32 (31) An attorney ad litem in the course of his or her duties as
33 an attorney ad litem;
- 34 (32)(A) A sexual abuse advocate or sexual abuse volunteer who
35 works with a victim of sexual abuse as an employee of a community-based
36 victim service or mental health agency such as Safe Places, United Family

1 Services, or Centers for Youth and Families.

2 (B) A sexual abuse advocate or sexual abuse volunteer
3 includes a paid or volunteer sexual abuse advocate who is based with a local
4 law enforcement agency;

5 (33) A rape crisis advocate or rape crisis volunteer;

6 (34)(A) A child abuse advocate or child abuse volunteer who
7 works with a child victim of abuse or maltreatment as an employee of a
8 community-based victim service or a mental health agency such as Safe Places,
9 United Family Services, or Centers for Youth and Families.

10 (B) A child abuse advocate or child abuse volunteer
11 includes a paid or volunteer sexual abuse advocate who is based with a local
12 law enforcement agency;

13 (35) A victim/witness coordinator; or

14 (36) A victim assistance professional or victim assistance
15 volunteer.

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18 /s/ D. Creekmore

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