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*As Engrossed: H4/2/13*  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 779

5 By: Senator Hester  
6 *By: Representative Scott*  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN  
10 DETERMINED DEPENDENCY-NEGLECTED; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

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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 § 9-27-335(b)(2), concerning placement of  
23 children with a dependency-neglected disposition, is amended to add  
24 additional subdivisions to read as follows:

25 (C) The court shall not order a child to be placed or  
26 remain in a placement in a foster home that has been closed or suspended by a  
27 child placement agency.

28 (D)(i) If the health or welfare of a child is in immediate  
29 danger while in a court-ordered placement the department may immediately  
30 remove the child from the court-ordered placement.

31 (ii) The department shall notify all parties within  
32 twenty-four (24) hours of the change in placement under subdivision  
33 (b)(2)(D)(i) of this section.

34 (iii) A party may request a hearing on the change in  
35 placement made under subdivision (b)(2)(D)(ii) of this section, and the  
36 hearing shall be held within five (5) business days of receiving the request.



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