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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFYING REPORTS TO THE CHILD
9 ABUSE HOTLINE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF CHILD MALTREATMENT;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 CONCERNING QUALIFYING REPORTS TO THE
15 CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF
16 CHILD MALTREATMENT.
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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 § 12-18-304 is amended to read as follows:

22 12-18-304. Qualifying reports of certain types of ~~physical-abuse~~ child
23 maltreatment.

24 (a)(1) The Child Abuse Hotline shall accept a report of ~~physical-abuse~~
25 child maltreatment if any of the following intentional or knowing acts are
26 alleged to occur:

27 (A) Throwing, kicking, burning, biting, or cutting a
28 child;

29 (B) Striking a child with a closed fist;

30 (C) Shaking a child four (4) years of age or older; or

31 (D) Striking a child seven (7) years of age or older on
32 the face or on the head.

33 (2) A report under this subsection shall not be determined to be
34 true unless the child suffered an injury as the result of the act.

35 (b) The Child Abuse Hotline shall accept a report of ~~physical-abuse~~
36 child maltreatment if any of the following intentional or knowing acts are



1 alleged to occur:

- 2 (1) Shaking a child three (3) years of age or younger;
- 3 (2) Striking a child six (6) years of age or younger on the face
- 4 or on the head;
- 5 (3) Interfering with a child's breathing; or
- 6 (4) Pinching, biting, or striking a child in the genital area.

7 (c)(1) The Child Abuse Hotline shall accept a report of ~~physical abuse~~
 8 child maltreatment if a child suffers an injury as the result of a restraint.

9 (2) The report shall be determined not to be true if the injury
 10 is a minor temporary mark or causes transient pain and was an acceptable
 11 restraint as provided under this chapter.

12 (d)(1) The Child Abuse Hotline shall accept a report of ~~physical abuse~~
 13 child maltreatment involving a bruise to a child even if at the time of the
 14 report the bruise is not visible if the bruising occurred:

- 15 (A) Within the past fourteen (14) days; and
- 16 (B) As a result of ~~physical abuse~~ child maltreatment as
- 17 described under subsections (a)-(c) of this section.

18 (2) However, the report under this subsection shall not be
 19 determined to be true unless the existence of the bruise is corroborated.

20 (e) The Child Abuse Hotline shall not accept a report of:

- 21 (1) Environmental neglect pertaining to head lice unless the:
- 22 (A) Head lice is chronic; or
- 23 (B) Alleged victim currently has sores that require
- 24 immediate medical attention; or
- 25 (2) Educational neglect from a school unless the school has
- 26 complied with § 6-18-222.

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