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A Bill

SENATE BILL 976

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD SAFETY
9 CENTER; TO ESTABLISH ACCESS FOR SPECIALIZED MENTAL
10 HEALTH SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD
14 SAFETY CENTER; AND TO ESTABLISH ACCESS
15 FOR SPECIALIZED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
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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 § 9-5-103(1), concerning the definition of
22 "child safety center", is amended to read as follows:

23 (1)(A) "Child safety center" means a not-for-profit child-
24 friendly facility that provides a location for forensic interviews, and
25 forensic medical examinations, and forensic ensures access for specialized
26 mental health ~~examinations~~ services during the course of a child maltreatment
27 investigation.

28 (B) A "child safety center" is commonly known as a child
29 advocacy center; and
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-5-110(d)(1), concerning an interagency
32 memorandum of understanding, is amended to read as follows:

33 (1) When available and appropriate during the course of a child
34 maltreatment investigation on reports of alleged sexual abuse, and when
35 appropriate, alleged severe physical abuse, the child safety center shall be
36 utilized for forensic interviews, and forensic medical examinations, and



1 forensic will ensure access for specialized mental health ~~examinations~~
2 services; and

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