

1 State of Arkansas
2 90th General Assembly
3 Third Extraordinary Session, 2016
4

A Bill

Call Item 11
SENATE BILL 8

5 By: Senators Irvin, Hester, Bledsoe, Collins-Smith, J. Cooper, J. English, J. Hendren, J. Hutchinson,
6 Standridge, G. Stubblefield
7 By: Representative D. Meeks
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS REGARDING
11 JUVENILE RECORDS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-28-217(a), concerning confidentiality of
24 juvenile records, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
25 follows:

26 (18)(A) A person, agency, or organization engaged in a bona fide
27 research or evaluation project that is determined by the division to have
28 value for the evaluation or development of policies to advance juvenile
29 justice.

30 (B) Any confidential information provided by the
31 Department of Human Services for a research, evaluation, or project in
32 subdivision (a)(18)(A) of this section shall not be redisclosed or published.
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34 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
35 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that access to juvenile records for
36 purposes of bona fide research promotes informed decision making and improves



1 case planning for delinquent youth. This act is immediately necessary to
2 ensure that Arkansas is implementing risk and needs assessments with fidelity
3 to improve outcomes for youth and juvenile justice. Therefore, an emergency
4 is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
6 on:

- 7 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;
- 8 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
9 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
10 bill; or
- 11 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
12 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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