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5 By: Senator A. Clark

6 *By: Representative Capp*

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO DEFINE "*IMMINENT HARM*" UNDER THE ARKANSAS
10 JUVENILE CODE OF 1989 AND THE CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

15 TO DEFINE "*IMMINENT HARM*" UNDER THE
16 ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF 1989 AND THE
17 CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT.

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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 § 9-27-303, concerning definitions under the
23 Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to add a new definition to read as
24 follows:

25 (67) "*Imminent harm*" means an act of harm that is a danger:

26 (A) To the physical, mental, or emotional health of a
27 juvenile;

28 (B) That is constrained by time; and

29 (C) That may only be prevented by immediate intervention
30 by a court.

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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-103, concerning definitions under the
33 Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to add a new definition to read as
34 follows:

35 (28) "*Imminent harm*" means a an act of harm that is a danger:

36 (A) To the physical, mental, or emotional health of a



1 child;

2 (B) That is constrained by time; and

3 (C) That may only be prevented by immediate intervention

4 by a court.

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/s/A. Clark

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