

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representative Dietz**

A Bill ACT 150 OF 1991

HOUSE BILL 1271

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND SUBCHAPTER 8 OF CHAPTER 64 OF TITLE 20 OF
9 THE ARKANSAS CODE RELATING TO INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS OF
10 PERSONS ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-64-801 is hereby amended by inserting an
16 additional subsection at the end thereof to read as follows:

17 "(9) Evaluation means an assessment prepared by a certified substance
18 abuse counselor to include a description of the existence and extent of the
19 person's addiction to alcohol or drugs."

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21 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 20-64-816 (c) is hereby amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "(c) If, based on the petition for involuntary commitment and request
24 for immediate confinement, the judge finds a reasonable cause to believe the
25 person meets the criteria set forth in this subchapter for involuntary
26 commitment and that the person is in imminent danger of death or serious
27 bodily harm, the court may grant the request and order a law enforcement
28 officer to place the person in immediate detention at the Benton
29 Detoxification Services Center for evaluation and treatment pending a hearing
30 to be scheduled and conducted pursuant to §20-64-821."

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32 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 20-64-821 is hereby amended by inserting an
33 additional subsection at the end thereof to read as follows:

34 "(d) Every person remanded for treatment shall have an evaluation within
35 twenty-four (24) hours of detention."

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