As Engrossed: 2/6/95

1	State of Arkansas
2	80th General Assembly ABII ACT 532 OF 1995
3	Regular Session, 1995 SENATE BILL 165
4	By: Senator Bell
5	
6	
7	For An Act To Be Entitled
8	"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 9-27-303
9	TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF VARIOUS TERMS AND PROVISIONS
10	OF THE JUVENILE CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
11	
12	Subtitle
13	"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED
14	SECTION 9-27-303 TO CLARIFY THE
15	DEFINITION OF VARIOUS TERMS AND
16	PROVISIONS OF THE JUVENILE CODE."
17	
18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
19	
20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-27-303(10) is amended to read as
21	follows:
22	"(10) "The department" means the Department of Human Services, its
23	divisions and programs. Unless otherwise stated in this act, any reference to
24	Department of Human Services shall include all of its divisions and programs."
25	
26	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-27-303(19) is amended to read as
27	follows:
28	"(19) "Home study" means a written report, obtained after an
29	investigation of a home by the Department of Human Services or other
30	appropriate persons or agencies and which shall conform to regulations
	established by the department. An in-state home study shall be completed and
	presented to the requesting court within thirty (30) working days of the
33	receipt of the request for the home study."
34	
35	SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-27-303(22) is amended to read as
36	follows:

```
"(22) "Long-term foster care" means the placement of a juvenile in a
 2 specified out-of-home placement pursuant to this subchapter, in those cases
 3 where juveniles are not appropriate for a termination of parental rights and
 4 adoption but cannot have a goal of reunification because it is not in the
 5 juvenile s best interest."
 7
         SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-27-303(26) is amended to read as
 8 follows:
 9
         "(26) "Out-of-home placement" means:
         (A) Placement in a home or facility other than placement in a youth
11 services center, a detention facility, or the home of the parent or guardian
12 from whose custody the court has removed the juvenile; or
         (B) Placement in the home of an individual other than a parent or
13
14 guardian unless the court has ordered that said placement be made permanent
15 and that no further reunification services or periodic reviews would be
16 required.
17
             Out-of-home placement shall not include placement in a youth
18 services center or detention facility as a result of a finding of
19 delinquency."
20
21
         SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
22 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
23 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
2.4
25
         SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
26 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
27 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
29 act are declared to be severable.
30
31
         SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
32 hereby repealed.
33
                                       /s/Bell
34
35
                                  APPROVED: 3-7-95
```