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HOUSE BILL 1029

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5 By: Representative D. Altes

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR ALLEGED

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CHILD SEX *OFFENDERS AND THE VICTIM*; AND FOR OTHER

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TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR

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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 Title 12, Chapter 18, Subchapter 7 is amended

22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 12-18-712. Mental health services for *alleged sex offenders* under

24 *eighteen years of age and the victim.*

25 (a) If an investigative determination of a report under this chapter

26 was determined true and the *alleged sex offender* is a child under eighteen

27 (18) years of age at the time the act or omission occurred, the *alleged sex*

28 *offender and the victim shall be referred for mental health services,*

29 *including a mental health evaluation and treatment if determined necessary by*

30 *a mental health professional.*

31 (b) *The Department of Human Services shall:*

32 (1) *Provide the parents or legal guardians of the alleged sex*

33 *offender and the victim with a list of the mental health professionals or*

34 *agencies available to evaluate and treat the alleged sex offender and the*

35 *victim, if necessary; and*

36 (2) *Assist the parents or legal guardians of the alleged sex*



1 offender and the victim with a referral for a mental health evaluation, if
2 necessary.

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