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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1574

5 By: Representative Harris
6 By: Senator J. Woods
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FRAME TO INVESTIGATE
10 CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 EXTENDING THE TIME FRAME TO INVESTIGATE
16 CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.
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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 § 12-18-616 is amended to read as follows:*
22 *12-18-616. Timing.*

23 *(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an investigative*
24 *determination shall be made in each investigation under this chapter within*
25 *~~thirty~~ (30) forty-five (45) days regardless of whether the investigation is*
26 *conducted by the Department of Human Services, the Crimes Against Children*
27 *Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or local law*
28 *enforcement.*

29 *(2) However, this procedural requirement shall not be considered*
30 *as a factor to alter the investigative determination in any judicial or*
31 *administrative proceeding.*

32 *(3)(A) An extension of an additional fifteen (15) days to make*
33 *an investigative determination is permitted.*

34 *(B) The Department of Human Services and the Crimes*
35 *Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall*
36 *respectively promulgate rules pertaining to the extension of time to make an*



1 investigative determination.

2 ~~(b) An investigation involving an out-of-home alleged offender that is~~
3 ~~determined to be true may be extended up to thirty (30) additional days to~~
4 ~~allow an investigator to ascertain:~~

5 ~~(1) The names and conditions of any children of the alleged~~
6 ~~offender;~~

7 ~~(2) Whether children of the alleged offender have been~~
8 ~~maltreated or are at risk of maltreatment; and~~

9 ~~(3) To the extent practicable, whether children previously or~~
10 ~~currently under the care of the alleged offender have been sexually abused or~~
11 ~~are at risk of sexual abuse.~~

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13 ~~(e) An investigation shall not be transferred to inactive status~~
14 ~~because an investigator is awaiting documentary evidence.~~

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16 /s/Harris

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