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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1972

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6 By: Senator Hester  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
10 CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF FOSTER HOME AND  
11 ADOPTIVE HOME RECORDS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING  
12 THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS  
13 OF CHILD MALTREATMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
17 CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF FOSTER  
18 HOME AND ADOPTIVE HOME RECORDS; AND TO  
19 AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF  
20 INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS OF  
21 CHILD MALTREATMENT.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-28-407(h)(2)(I), concerning the  
28 confidentiality and release of foster home and adoptive home records, is  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (I) To the attorney ad litem and court-appointed special  
31 advocate, the home ~~study~~ studies on the potential adoptive ~~family~~ families  
32 selected by the Department of Human Services to adopt the juvenile or as  
33 ordered by the court.  
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-620(e), concerning the release of  
36 information relating to a pending investigation of a report of child



1 maltreatment, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

2 (11) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate  
3 of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged  
4 offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement  
5 location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home,  
6 shelter, or facility.

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-18-710(e), concerning the release of  
9 information relating to a completed investigation of a report of child  
10 maltreatment, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

11 (12) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate  
12 of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged  
13 offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement  
14 location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home,  
15 shelter, or facility.

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17 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-18-813(f), concerning the confirmation  
18 of an investigative determination made under the Child Maltreatment Act, is  
19 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

20 (12) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate  
21 of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged  
22 offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement  
23 location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home,  
24 shelter, or facility.

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