

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S1/29/19 H2/20/19
2 92nd General Assembly **A Bill**
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SENATE BILL 82

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5 By: Senator A. Clark
6 By: Representative Capp

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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REPORTS FILED WITH
10 THE COURT BEFORE A HEARING HELD UNDER THE ARKANSAS
11 JUVENILE CODE OF 1989; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REPORTS FILED
16 WITH THE COURT BEFORE A HEARING HELD
17 UNDER THE ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF 1989.

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

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-361(c), concerning reports that are
23 filed with the court and provided to all parties by the Department of Human
24 Services or court-appointed special advocates, is amended to read as follows:

25 (c)(1) ~~Nothing in this section shall prevent the department or the~~
26 ~~court-appointed special advocate from filing a report with the court and~~
27 ~~providing it to all parties or their attorneys at least seven (7) business~~
28 ~~days before any scheduled dependency neglect hearing or presenting any~~
29 ~~subsequent or addendum reports to the court during a hearing.~~

30 ~~(2)(A)~~ The court shall determine on the record whether ~~the~~
31 ~~reports or addendum reports~~ a report or an addendum report shall be admitted
32 into evidence based on any evidentiary objections made by the parties.

33 ~~(B)~~ (2) The court shall not consider as evidence any report
34 ~~or~~ part of a report, or an addendum report that was not admitted into
35 evidence on the record.



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