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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1359

5 By: Representative Barker  
6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF  
10 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION UNDER THE CHILD WELFARE  
11 AGENCY LICENSING ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE  
16 OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION UNDER THE  
17 CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING ACT.  
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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 § 9-28-407(h)(1)(H)(i), concerning licenses  
23 required and issued under the Child Welfare Agency Licensing Act, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 (H)(i) To foster parents, the foster care record for  
26 ~~foster~~ children in foster care currently placed in their home.  
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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-28-407(h)(1), concerning licenses  
29 required and issued under the Child Welfare Agency Licensing Act, is amended  
30 to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

31 (Z)(i) To a currently or previously licensed foster  
32 parent.

33 (ii) A foster parent shall only receive records:

34 (a) Concerning a child who was previously  
35 placed in the home of the foster parent and that are relevant to the period  
36 of time in which the child was placed in the home of the foster parent; and



1 (b) For which the foster parent has a  
2 legitimate need as determined by the licensee or department.

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