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A Bill

SENATE BILL 257

5 By: Senator B. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TIME FOR
10 COMPLETING AN INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED ADULT
11 MALTREATMENT OR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENT
12 MALTREATMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TIME FOR
16 COMPLETING AN INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED
17 ADULT MALTREATMENT OR LONG-TERM CARE
18 FACILITY RESIDENT MALTREATMENT.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1711(b)(1), concerning procedures for
25 the Department of Human Services' investigation of suspected adult
26 maltreatment or long-term care facility resident maltreatment, is amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (b)(1)(A) The investigation shall be completed and an investigative
29 determination entered within ~~sixty (60) days~~:

30 (i) Ninety (90) days for an allegation of
31 exploitation; or

32 (ii) Sixty (60) days for any other type of adult
33 maltreatment allegation.

34 (B) The department may extend an investigation for up to
35 an additional forty-five (45) days if the department is unable to complete
36 the investigation or written investigative report due to untimely or



1 uncooperative records, interviews, or information being provided by a source
2 necessary for the investigation.

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