

Hall of the House of Representatives
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2271

"TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2271.

Amend House Bill No. 2271 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 5 and substitute:

“By: Representative D. Creekmore”

AND

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-402(b) as enacted by Section 1 of Act 749 of 2009, concerning mandated reporters for child maltreatment, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The following individuals are mandated reporters under this chapter:

- (1) A child care worker or foster care worker;
- (2) A coroner;
- (3) A day care center worker;
- (4) A dentist;
- (5) A dental hygienist;
- (6) A domestic abuse advocate;
- (7) A domestic violence shelter employee;
- (8) A domestic violence shelter volunteer;
- (9) An employee of the Department of Human Services;
- (10) An employee working under contract for the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human Services;
- (11) A foster parent;
- (12) A judge;
- (13) A law enforcement official;
- (14) A licensed nurse;
- (15) Medical personnel who may be engaged in the admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;
- (16) A mental health professional;
- (17) An osteopath;
- (18) A peace officer;



- (19) A physician;
- (20) A prosecuting attorney;
- (21) A resident intern;
- (22) A school counselor;
- (23) A school official;
- (24) A social worker;
- (25) A surgeon;
- (26) A teacher;
- (27) A court-appointed special advocate program staff member or volunteer;
- (28) A juvenile intake or probation officer;
- (29) A clergy member, which includes a minister, priest, rabbi, accredited Christian Science practitioner, or other similar functionary of a religious organization, or an individual reasonably believed to be so by the person consulting him or her, except to the extent the clergy member:
 - (A) Has acquired knowledge of suspected child maltreatment through communications required to be kept confidential pursuant to the religious discipline of the relevant denomination or faith; or
 - (B) Received the knowledge of the suspected child maltreatment from the alleged offender in the context of a statement of admission;
- (30) An employee of a child advocacy center or a child safety center; ~~or~~
- (31) An attorney ad litem in the course of his or her duties as an attorney ad litem;
- (32)(A) A sexual abuse advocate or sexual abuse volunteer who works with a victim of sexual abuse as an employee of a community-based victim service or mental health agency such as Safe Places, United Family Services, or Centers for Youth and Families.
- (B) A sexual abuse advocate or sexual abuse volunteer includes a paid or volunteer sexual abuse advocate who is based with a local law enforcement agency;
- (33) A rape crisis advocate or rape crisis volunteer;
- (34)(A) A child abuse advocate or child abuse volunteer who works with a child victim of abuse or maltreatment as an employee of a community-based victim service or a mental health agency such as Safe Places, United Family Services, or Centers for Youth and Families.
- (B) A child abuse advocate or child abuse volunteer includes a paid or volunteer sexual abuse advocate who is based with a local law enforcement agency;
- (35) A victim/witness coordinator; or
- (36) A victim assistance professional or victim assistance volunteer.”

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Overbey
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