

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 305**

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "NEGLECT" AND THE LAW CONCERNING CLOSURES OF CHILD  
MALTREATMENT INVESTIGATIONS; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN ACTS OF A PARENT, GUARDIAN,  
CUSTODIAN, OR FOSTER PARENT NONCRIMINAL.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 305**

Amend Senate Bill No. 305 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 9, delete "prosecution" and substitute "investigation and prosecution"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 20 through 22, and substitute the following:  
"home;

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 12-18-601(a), concerning the investigations of reports of suspected child maltreatment, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) When a person, agency, corporation, or partnership then providing substitute care for any child in the custody of the Department of Human Services or a Department of Human Services employee or employee's spouse or other person residing in the home is reported as being suspected of child maltreatment, the investigation shall be conducted pursuant to procedures established by the Department of Human Services.

(2) The Department of Human Services shall not refer for investigation conduct described under § 12-18-103(14)(C).

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 12-18-602(a), concerning investigations initiated by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Arkansas State Police is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Arkansas State Police shall cause an investigation to be made upon receiving initial notification of suspected child maltreatment or notification of a child death.

(2) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Arkansas State Police shall not initiate an investigation for conduct described under § 12-18-103(14)(C).

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 12-18-619, concerning the closure of child"



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator A. Clark

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Secretary