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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1499

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION; CONCERNING NOTICE OF SEVERE MALTREATMENT REPORTS; AND CONCERNING CERTAIN ANNUAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 1499

Amend House Bill No. 1499 as engrossed H3/1/21 (version: 03/01/2021 10:25:24 AM):

Add Representative Vaught as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete line 1

AND

Page 2, delete lines 8 through 10, and substitute the following:

"commonly known as a ~~child advocacy center~~, and "child advocacy center";

~~(2) "Commission" means the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission.~~

(4) "Multidisciplinary team" means a collaborative group of individual professionals from diverse organizations and agencies who work together in a coordinated manner to ensure an effective response to child abuse and neglect cases so a child victim is not overlooked and essential services are provided in a timely manner; and

(5) "Multidisciplinary team facilitator" means a person who:

(A) Is responsible for establishing and sustaining:

(i) Relationships among members of the multidisciplinary team that promote collaboration; and

(ii) An atmosphere of trust and safety to partner for success in child abuse and neglect cases;

(B) Serves as an advocate for the multidisciplinary team model;

(C) Works with the members of the multidisciplinary team to ensure effective implementation of the multidisciplinary team model; and

(D) Assumes the role of a multidisciplinary team coordinator and does not perform the role of a director or leader."



AND

Page 2, delete lines 19 through 21, and substitute the following:
"of Arkansas shall:

(1) Contract with the Department of Finance and Administration to distribute grants to one (1) or more child safety centers and an entity receiving funding under this chapter;"

AND

Page 2, delete line 33, and substitute the following:

"prevention, and forensic medical examinations evaluations; and"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 8 through 22, and substitute the following:

"(2) Work with participating agencies relating to the delivery of services to a child and the family of a child who is the alleged victim of abuse or neglect;

(3) Provide support and advocacy services to a child and the family of a child who is the alleged victim of abuse or neglect;

(4) Provide forensic interviews that are conducted in a neutral, fact-finding manner and coordinated to avoid duplicative interviewing;

(5) Provide access to specialized medical evaluations and treatment services to a child who is the alleged victim of abuse or neglect;

(6) Provide access to evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health services to a child who is the alleged victim of abuse or neglect; and

(7) Provide a child-focused setting that is comfortable, private, and physically safe for a diverse population."

AND

Page 4, delete line 11, and substitute the following:

"physician or healthcare entity that specializes in child abuse to provide expert advice, medical"

AND

Page 7, delete lines 12 and 13, and substitute the following:

"the authority of the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission, is amended to read as follows:"

AND

Page 7, delete line 19, and substitute the following:

"State of Arkansas this state.

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 20-82-208(b), concerning the establishment of the Community Grants for Child Safety Centers Program and the authority of the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) On July 31 of each year, the Administrative Office of the Courts shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Council showing the number of persons charged in circuit court for each criminal offense classification, comparing the state and each judicial district."

AND

Page 7, delete lines 25 through 29, and substitute the following:
"team operating under a statewide model protocol developed by the ~~Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission~~ Multidisciplinary Team Oversight Committee governing the roles, responsibilities, and procedures of the multidisciplinary team.

(b) The ~~commission~~ committee shall:"

AND

Page 8, delete line 6, and substitute the following:
"protocol issued by the ~~commission~~ committee;"

AND

Page 8, delete line 10, and substitute the following:

"(3) Ensure the timely exchange of relevant information.

(d) The Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas shall contract with the Department of Finance and Administration to provide support, training, and funding to the multidisciplinary team facilitators."

AND

Page 8, delete line 14, and substitute the following:

"Oversight Committee – Members – Duty to oversee child safety centers assess"

AND

Page 8, delete lines 18 and 19, and substitute the following:

"Multidisciplinary Team Oversight Committee on Child Safety Centers."

AND

Page 8, delete lines 22 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(1) ~~Three (3) members appointed by the commission~~ The Commander of the Crimes Against Children Division or his or her designee; and

(2) ~~Four (4) members appointed by the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Abused and Neglected Children~~ The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services or his or her designee;

(3) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys Association or his or her designee;

(4) A mental health provider with specialized training in trauma-focused evaluation or treatment of child abuse issues;

(5) A medical provider with specialized training in the evaluation or treatment of child abuse issues;

(6) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Sheriffs' Association or his or her designee;

(7) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police or his or her designee;

(8) The President of the Board of Directors of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas or his or her designee; and

(9) A representative of the juvenile justice system.

(c) ~~The subcommittee~~ committee shall ~~oversee~~ assess the operations of the ~~child safety centers with regard to child abuse~~ multidisciplinary teams statewide with regard to responses to alleged child abuse."

AND

Page 9, delete line 1

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____
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