

ARKANSAS SENATE
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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. 1 to House Bill 1499

Amend House Bill No. 1499 as engrossed H3/16/21 (version: 03/16/2021 10:07:32 AM):

Page 1, delete line 28, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

The provisions of this act are not intended to change the current structure of multidisciplinary teams in Arkansas.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-5-103 is amended to read as follows:"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 34 through 36, and substitute the following:

~~"funding is appropriated and available, shall~~ The Department of Finance and Administration shall:

(1) Distribute grants to one (1) or more child safety centers and an entity receiving funding under this chapter;

(2)(A) Retain oversight of all grants distributed under this chapter.

(B) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration or his or her designee shall be the agency contact concerning the oversight of grants distributed under this chapter; and

(3) Evaluate the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas's quarterly reports concerning funding received by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas and each child safety center.

(b) The Department of Finance and Administration and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas shall work together to:

(1)(A) Establish the criteria for grant applications and awards under this chapter.

(B) A grant application shall be submitted directly to the Department of Finance and Administration;

(2)(A) Establish the criteria for awarding or denying a grant application under this chapter.



(B) The Department of Finance and Administration shall remit funds awarded to a child safety center directly to the child safety center;

~~(1)~~(3) Annually evaluate each child safety center for compliance with the ~~program~~ best program practices of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas, fiscal, and training requirements under this chapter;

~~(2)~~(4) ~~Promulgate rules and~~ Promote and uphold procedures to implement this chapter and the forms for the evaluation of each child safety center;

~~(3)~~(5) Adopt a uniform system of recordkeeping and reporting to ensure the proper handling of funds by child safety centers and to ensure uniformity and accountability by child safety centers; ~~and~~

~~(4)~~(6) Provide training and technical assistance to child safety centers to ensure best practice standards for forensic interviews, advocacy, prevention, and ~~forensic medical examinations~~ evaluations; and

(7) Coordinate and provide training statewide for multidisciplinary teams.

~~(b)~~(c) The ~~commission~~ Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas may enter into contracts with any entity to fulfill its duties under this chapter.

(d) A child safety center shall:"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 19

AND

Page 4, line 7, delete "Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas" and substitute "Department of Finance and Administration and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas"

AND

Page 4, line 15, delete "Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas" and substitute "Department of Finance and Administration"

AND

Page 4, line 16, delete "exclusively" and substitute "~~exclusively~~"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 18 and 19, and substitute the following:

"(1) To satisfy contractual obligations ~~made to perform its duties~~ entered into by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas in order for the duties of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas under this section to be performed;"

AND

Page 6, delete lines 13 and 14, and substitute the following:
"~~Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission or its designee~~ Department of Finance and Administration and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas to ensure proper handling of funds; and"

AND

Page 7, lines 5 and 6, and substitute the following:
"requirements of the Department of Finance and Administration and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas and receive funding from the ~~commission or its designee~~ Department of Finance and Administration;"

AND

Page 7, delete lines 8 and 9, and substitute the following:
"the child safety centers that receive funding from the ~~commission or its designee~~ Department of Finance and Administration under this chapter; and"

AND

Page 7, line 31, delete "Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas" and substitute "Department of Finance and Administration"

AND

Page 7, line 33, delete "~~grant~~" and substitute "grant"

AND

Page 7, line 35, delete "state" and substitute "state through an annual grant with the Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas"

AND

Page 8, line 35, delete "Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas" and substitute "Department of Finance and Administration"

AND

Page 8, line 36, delete "Department of Finance and Administration" and substitute "Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas"

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

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

By: Senator J. Dismang

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