

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1144**

TO CREATE A SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES INVOLVED IN A DEPENDENCY-  
NEGLECT PROCEEDING THAT ARE AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS OR MENTAL  
HEALTH DISORDERS.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1144**

Amend House Bill No. 1144 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete lines 8 and 9, and substitute the following:

"return to or remain with his or her parent, guardian, or custodian during the treatment and recovery process;"

AND

Page 3, line 4, delete "shall" and substitute "should"

AND

Page 3, delete line 7, and substitute the following:

"Drug Court Professionals, as they existed on January 1, 2023, with the exception that all team members shall have input on the procedures, policies, and goals of each family treatment court matter depending on the resources available."

AND

Page 3, delete line 12, and substitute the following:

"shall be supplemental to the services provided by the Department of Human Services, including without limitation:"

AND

Page 3, delete line 26, and substitute the following:

"for the services.

(4) The department shall not be ordered to arrange or pay for supplemental services without the consent of the department."

AND



Page 3, delete lines 29 through 31, and substitute the following:

"(a) A family treatment specialty court shall serve as an available means of disposition within a dependency-neglect matter and shall differ from the traditional adversarial trial system."

AND

Page 4, delete lines 6 through 22, and substitute the following:

"(2) Family treatment specialty court program team members may include:

(A) A circuit judge;

(B) A program coordinator, if appointed by the circuit judge;

(C) A child welfare agency attorney;

(D) An attorney from the Commission for Parent Counsel, if the juvenile has been removed from the home;

(E) Any other attorney acting as counsel for a parent, guardian, or custodian participant;

(F) An attorney ad litem;

(G) A court-appointed special advocate, if appointed by the circuit judge, even if the juvenile remains in the home;

(H) A family service worker;

(I) One (1) or more treatment providers with experience in the fields of substance use disorders or mental health disorders, or both; and

(J) Any other individuals determined necessary by the family treatment specialty court program judge."

AND

Page 4, delete line 36, and substitute the following:

"neglected; and"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 3, and substitute the following:

"(2) The person agrees to comply with the policies and procedures developed by the family treatment specialty court program, as well as the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, § 9-27-301 et seq."

AND

Page 5, delete lines 12 through 36

AND

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 33, and substitute the following:

"9-27-806. Family Treatment Specialty Court Program Fund.

(a) Each approved family treatment specialty court shall establish a fund known as the "Family Treatment Specialty Court Program Fund".

(b) Approval of the judge presiding over the family treatment specialty court program is required for all expenditures from the fund.

(c) Expenditures from the fund shall be used solely for the support, benefit, and administration of the family treatment specialty court program.

(d) Expenditures may be made for indirect expenses related to the family treatment specialty court program, including:

(1) Training and travel expenses;

(2) Family treatment specialty court program user incentives;

(3) Graduation costs; and

(4) Supplies.

(e) The quorum court shall appropriate all fees and pay for all approved expenditures of the family treatment specialty court program.

(f) A grant awarded to a family treatment specialty court program, as well as all memorials, honorariums, and other monetary gifts to the family treatment specialty court program, shall be deposited into the fund.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-334(a), concerning dispositions a circuit court may enter an order for when a juvenile is found to be dependent-neglected under the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(5) Order that the parent, both parents, or the guardian or custodian of the juvenile participate in a family treatment specialty court program under § 9-27-801 et seq., if available."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
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