

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2007  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2643

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DOMESTIC PEACE ACT  
10 TO CREATE THE SPOUSAL ABUSE SAFETY PLAN EDUCATION  
11 AND TRAINING PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DOMESTIC  
14 PEACE ACT TO CREATE THE SPOUSAL ABUSE  
15 SAFETY PLAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
16 PROGRAM.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 4, is amended to add an  
23 additional subchapter to read as follows:

24 9-4-201. Title

25 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Spousal Abuse  
26 Safety Plan and Education Act".  
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28 9-4-202. Findings

29 The Arkansas General Assembly finds that the Spousal Abuse Safety Plan  
30 and Education Act is needed to:

31 (1) Protect victims and children;

32 (2) Develop increased security measures necessary to provide  
33 greater protection for victims of spousal abuse, especially those who have  
34 orders of protection;

35 (3) Help develop a Spousal Abuse Safety Plan publication to help  
36 victims by:



1                   (A) Making the publication available in public health  
2 centers; and

3                   (B) Allowing police officers to distribute the publication  
4 to victims when responding to spousal abuse call;

5                   (4) Create special training initiatives regarding the dynamics  
6 of spousal abuse for police intake officers, health officials, and social  
7 workers in order to help ensure a continuously improving response to spousal  
8 violence;

9                   (5) Encourage the development of community-based, civic-based  
10 and faith-based healthy relationship courses to teach:

11                   (A) Elements of healthy relationships including acceptable  
12 and unacceptable behavior, to both adolescent boys and girls;

13                   (B) Concept of respect

14                   (C) Anti-violence programs, including conflict resolution  
15 techniques, sexual assault prevention, and harassment prevention; and

16                   (6) Help raise awareness about the impact of spousal abuse on  
17 children and families.

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19           9-4-203. Education and Training materials.

20           Education and training materials on the Spousal Abuse Safety Plan and  
21 Education Act shall be developed and distributed by the Arkansas Commission  
22 on Child Abuse, Rape, Domestic Violence.

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24           9-4-204. Rules

25           Rules governing the implementation of this program shall be developed  
26 by the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence.

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28           9-4-205. Report.

29           A report on the status of the program shall be presented to the Interim  
30 House Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee  
31 by March 1, 2008.