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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Williams
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REGARDING A COURT'S JURISDICTION OVER TRUANCY;
9 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 REGARDING A COURT'S JURISDICTION OVER
13 TRUANCY.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-306(c), regarding the jurisdiction
20 over truancy, is amended to read as follows:

21 (c)(1)(A) The circuit court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with
22 the district court over juvenile curfew violations.

23 (B) The circuit court shall also have concurrent
24 jurisdiction with the district court of any district where the governing
25 body, by ordinance, has declared that it will address juvenile truancy issues
26 that do not require the filing of a family in need of services petition.

27 (2) For juvenile curfew violations, the prosecutor may file a
28 family in need of services petition in circuit court or a citation in
29 district court.

30 (3) For juvenile truancy violations, if the district court
31 exercises jurisdiction, the district court may refer the matter to the
32 circuit court for the prosecutor to file a family in need of services
33 petition.
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