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A Bill

SENATE BILL 787

5 By: Senator S. Flowers
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PERMIT A DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE
10 POLICE INVESTIGATOR TO DETERMINE A REPORT OF CHILD
11 ABUSE HAS NO MERIT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PERMIT A DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE
16 POLICE INVESTIGATOR TO DETERMINE A REPORT
17 OF CHILD ABUSE HAS NO MERIT.
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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 12, Chapter 18, Subchapter 6, is
23 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 12-18-621. No merit investigations.

25 (a) A Department of Arkansas State Police investigator may close an
26 investigation of a report of child maltreatment as unsubstantiated without
27 complying with the requirements of this subchapter if:

28 (1) The child identified as the victim:

29 (A) Has been:

30 (i) Interviewed separate and apart from the alleged
31 offender or any representative or attorney for the alleged offender when the
32 child is of the age or ability to be interviewed; or

33 (ii) Observed separate and apart from the alleged
34 offender or any representative or attorney for the alleged offender when the
35 child is not of the age or ability to be interviewed; and

36 (B) Credibly denies the allegation of child maltreatment;



