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A Bill

SENATE BILL 271

5 By: Senators Irvin, *Elliott, Rapert*
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO ADD HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF
10 ABUSE AND SEXUAL ABUSE WITHIN THE ARKANSAS JUVENILE
11 CODE OF 1989 AND CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO ADD HUMAN TRAFFICKING TO THE
17 DEFINITIONS OF ABUSE AND SEXUAL ABUSE
18 WITHIN THE ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF 1989
19 AND CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(3)(A), concerning the definition
25 of "abuse" in the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to add an
26 additional subdivision to read as follows:

27 (viii) Recruiting, harboring, transporting, or
28 obtaining a child for labor or services, through force, fraud, or coercion
29 for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt
30 bondage, or slavery.
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(17)(G), concerning the definition
33 of "dependent juvenile" in the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (G)(i) A child who has been a victim of human trafficking
36 ~~as a result of threats, coercion, or fraud.~~



1 (ii) If the parent knew or should have known the
2 child was a victim of human trafficking ~~as a result of threats, coercion, or~~
3 ~~fraud~~, the child is not a dependent juvenile but may be dependent-neglected;

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5 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(52), concerning the definition of
6 "sexual abuse" in the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to add an
7 additional subdivision to read as follows:

8 (F) By a person eighteen (18) years of age or older to a
9 person who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age, the recruiting,
10 harboring, transporting, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a child for
11 the purpose of a commercial sex act.

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13 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303, concerning definitions of the
14 Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to add an additional subdivision
15 to read as follows:

16 (65) "Victim of human trafficking" means a child who has been
17 subjected to trafficking of persons as defined in § 5-18-103.

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19 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 9-28-409(e)(2), concerning the prohibition
20 on a person with certain offenses having direct and unsupervised contact with
21 a child in a child welfare agency, is amended to add an additional
22 subdivision to read as follows:

23 (K) Trafficking of persons, § 5-18-103.

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25 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 12-18-103(3)(A), concerning the definition
26 of "abuse" in the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to add an additional
27 subdivision to read as follows:

28 (viii) Recruiting, harboring, transporting, or
29 obtaining a child for labor or services, through force, fraud, or coercion,
30 for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt
31 bondage, or slavery.

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33 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 12-18-103(20), concerning the definition of
34 "sexual abuse" in the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to add an additional
35 subdivision to read as follows:

36 (F) By a person eighteen (18) years of age or older to a

1 person who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age, the recruiting,
2 harboring, transporting, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a child for
3 the purpose of a commercial sex act.

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5 /s/Irvin

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