

ARKANSAS SENATE
85th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2005
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1024

"TO PROVIDE THAT AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING UNDER THE ARKANSAS CHILD
MALTREATMENT ACT SHALL BE IN PERSON OR BY VIDEO CONFERENCE."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1024.

Amend House Bill No. 1024 as engrossed, H1/21/05 (version: 01-21-2005 08:50)::

Page 2, line 20, delete "an additional subsection" and substitute "two (2) additional subsections"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 22 through 33 and substitute the following:

"(f)(1) The Office of Appeals and Hearings of the Department of Human Services shall designate the sites to be used for videoconference hearings.

(2) The office shall designate sites within ten (10) miles of the following cities:

- (A) Arkadelphia;
- (B) Booneville;
- (C) Conway;
- (D) Fayetteville;
- (E) Jonesboro;
- (F) Little Rock; or
- (G) Warren.

(3) The Office of Appeals and Hearings may, in its discretion, designate additional sites for videoconference hearings.

(g)(1) If any party requests an in-person hearing within thirty (30) days from the date that the party receives notification under subsection (c) of this section, then the in-person hearing shall be conducted in an office of the Department of Human Services nearest to the petitioner's residence, unless the hearing officer notifies the parties that the hearing will be conducted via videoconference.

(2) Sites for videoconference hearings shall include the location designated by the Office of Appeals and Hearings that is nearest to the petitioner's residence.

(3) The hearing officer and other parties may agree to appear at the location designated by the Office of Appeals and Hearings or at any other



designated hearing locations that are convenient to them."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Higginbotham

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