## ARKANSAS SENATE

89th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2013

## **Amendment Form**

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 869

TO PROVIDE A SAFE HARBOR FOR VICTIMS OF CERTAIN SEX TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEX OFFENSES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

## Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 869

Amend Senate Bill No. 869 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 27 though 36 and substitute:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds that:

- (1) The criminal justice system is not the appropriate place for sexually exploited children because it serves to retraumatize them and to increase their feelings of low self-esteem;
- (2) Both federal and international law recognize that sexually exploited children are the victims of crime and should be treated as such;
- (3) Sexually exploited children should, when possible, be diverted into services that address the needs of these children outside of the justice system; and
- (4) Sexually exploited children deserve the protection of child welfare services, including diversion, crisis intervention, counseling, and emergency housing services."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 5

AND

Page 3, delete lines 19 through 22 and substitute:

"(d) In addition to any other sentence authorized by this section, a person who violates this section by offering to pay, agreeing to pay, or paying a fee to engage in sexual activity upon conviction shall be ordered to pay a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to be deposited into the Safe Harbor Fund for Sexually Exploited Children."

AND



Page 3, delete lines 27 through 30 and substitute:

"(d) In addition to any other sentence authorized by this section, a person who violates this section by offering to pay, agreeing to pay, or paying a fee to engage in sexual activity upon conviction shall be ordered to pay a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to be deposited into the Safe Harbor Fund for Sexually Exploited Children.."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 34 through 36 and substitute:

"(k)(1) The Department of Human Services shall develop a statewide referral protocol for helping to coordinate the delivery of services to sexually exploited children."

AND

Page 4, delete line 1

AND

Page 5, delete lines 8 through 12 and substitute:

- "(A) Services and treatment, such as securing residential housing, health services, and social services for sexually exploited children;
- (B) Grants to service providers working with sexually exploited children; and
  - (C) For the management and operation of the fund."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and	
By: Senator Elliott	
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