

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-088

State of Arkansas
86th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2643

By: Representative W. Lewellen

Referred to
Judiciary Committee- House
by the House of Representatives
on 03/12/2007

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DOMESTIC PEACE ACT
TO CREATE THE SPOUSAL ABUSE SAFETY PLAN EDUCATION
AND TRAINING PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DOMESTIC
PEACE ACT TO CREATE THE SPOUSAL ABUSE
SAFETY PLAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING
PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 4, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

9-4-201. Title

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Spousal Abuse Safety Plan and Education Act".

9-4-202. Findings

The Arkansas General Assembly finds that the Spousal Abuse Safety Plan and Education Act is needed to:

(1) Protect victims and children;

1 (2) Develop increased security measures necessary to provide
 2 greater protection for victims of spousal abuse, especially those who have
 3 orders of protection;

4 (3) Help develop a Spousal Abuse Safety Plan publication to help
 5 victims by:

6 (A) Making the publication available in public health
 7 centers; and

8 (B) Allowing police officers to distribute the publication
 9 to victims when responding to spousal abuse call;

10 (4) Create special training initiatives regarding the dynamics
 11 of spousal abuse for police intake officers, health officials, and social
 12 workers in order to help ensure a continuously improving response to spousal
 13 violence;

14 (5) Encourage the development of community-based, civic-based
 15 and faith-based healthy relationship courses to teach:

16 (A) Elements of healthy relationships including acceptable
 17 and unacceptable behavior, to both adolescent boys and girls;

18 (B) Concept of respect

19 (C) Anti-violence programs, including conflict resolution
 20 techniques, sexual assault prevention, and harassment prevention; and

21 (6) Help raise awareness about the impact of spousal abuse on
 22 children and families.

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 24 9-4-203. Education and Training materials.

25 Education and training materials on the Spousal Abuse Safety Plan and
 26 Education Act shall be developed and distributed by the Arkansas Commission
 27 on Child Abuse, Rape, Domestic Violence.

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 29 9-4-204. Rules

30 Rules governing the implementation of this program shall be developed
 31 by the Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape, and Domestic Violence.

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 33 9-4-205. Report.

34 A report on the status of the program shall be presented to the Interim
 35 House Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee
 36 by March 1, 2008.

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