EXHIBIT B

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND LEGISALTIVE AFFAIRS

Meeting Jointly
Friday, October 9, 2026
1:00 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Alan Clark, Bart Hester, and Jim Petty; Representatives Sonia Eubanks Barker, Chair; Mary Bentley, Vice Chair; Keith Brooks, Nick Burkes, Hope Duke, James Eaton, Tony Furman, Diana Gonzales Worthen, Dolly Henley, Rick McClure, Shad Pearce, Joy Springer, and Randy Torres

Other members present: Senators Fredrick Love; Representatives Howard M. Beaty Jr., Rebecca Burkes, Jimmy Gazaway, DeAnn Vaught, and Jeremy Wooldridge

Representative Barker called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve August 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]
Representative Furman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Representative Torres, and the motion carried.

Overview of the Updated Arkansas State Plan and Presentation of how Alzheimer's and Dementia Impact Women in Arkansas [Exhibits C1 – C2]
David Cook, Government Relations Director, Alzheimer's Association, provided a presentation outlining a four-year plan to prepare Arkansas for advances in dementia care. The plan focuses on improving access to appropriate diagnostic services and strengthening community-based support for family caregivers. It also addresses emerging blood-based biomarker tests and FDA approved disease modifying treatments, which may support earlier detection and intervention.

Review of Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division (CACD), Quarterly Oversight Report, April – June 2026 [Exhibit D]
Major Jeff Drew, Commander, CACD, reviewed the quarterly report detailing the type of child abuse calls that were received as well as the numbers which were substantiated.

Discussion of Ready for Life Task Force [Exhibits E1 – E3]
Eric Gilmore, CEO, Immerse Arkansas, gave a presentation about a program that helps transition youth from the ages of 14 to 24 years old into adulthood. He said that they provide a BASE Coach for each teen, and providers will receive technical assistance from a backbone agency to support the delivery of best practices and advance statewide collective impact.

Discussion of Continuous Quality Improvement Reports from Evident Change [Exhibits F1 – F4]
Angie Wolfe, Chief Program Officer, Evident Change, and Dr. Dayana Kupisk, Senior Researcher, Evident Change, presented the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) reports evaluating the Division of Children and Family Services hotline screening and investigation practices from October 2025 through March 2026.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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