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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1335

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED SECTION 9-27-303
9 TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF VARIOUS TERMS AND PROVISIONS
10 OF THE JUVENILE CODE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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13 SECTION 9-27-303 TO CLARIFY THE
14 DEFINITION OF VARIOUS TERMS AND
15 PROVISIONS OF THE JUVENILE CODE."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-27-303(10) is amended to read*
21 *as follows:*

22 *"(10) 'The department' means the Department of Human Services, its*
23 *divisions and programs. Unless otherwise stated in this act, any reference*
24 *to Department of Human Services shall include all of its divisions and*
25 *programs."*
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27 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-27-303(19) is amended to read*
28 *as follows:*

29 *"(19) 'Home study' means a written report, obtained after an*
30 *investigation of a home by the Department of Human Services or other*
31 *appropriate persons or agencies and which shall conform to regulations*
32 *established by the department. An in-state home study shall be completed and*
33 *presented to the requesting court within thirty (30) working days of the*
34 *receipt of the request for the home study."*
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1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-27-303(22) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 "(22) 'Long-term foster care' means the placement of a juvenile in a
4 specified out-of-home placement pursuant to this subchapter, in those cases
5 where juveniles are not appropriate for a termination of parental rights and
6 adoption but cannot have a goal of reunification because it is not in the
7 juvenile_s best interest."
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9 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-27-303(26) is amended to read
10 as follows:

11 "(26) 'Out-of-home placement' means:

12 (A) Placement in a home or facility other than placement in a youth
13 services center, a detention facility, or the home of the parent or guardian
14 from whose custody the court has removed the juvenile; or

15 (B) Placement in the home of an individual other than a parent or
16 guardian unless the court has ordered that said placement be made permanent
17 and that no further reunification services or periodic reviews would be
18 required.

19 (C) Out-of-home placement shall not include placement in a youth
20 services center or detention facility as a result of a finding of
21 delinquency."
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23 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
24 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
25 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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27 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
28 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
29 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
30 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
31 act are declared to be severable.
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33 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
34 hereby repealed.
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/s/Rep. Beatty, et al