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A Bill

SENATE BILL 57

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-10-101 TO PROVIDE THAT A
9 PERSON COMMITS CAPITAL MURDER IF WHILE *INCARCERATED IN THE*
10 *DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION OR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY*
11 *PUNISHMENT* THE PERSON PURPOSELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF
12 ANOTHER PERSON AFTER PREMEDITATION AND DELIBERATION; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-10-101 (a) is amended to read as follows:

27 "(a) A person commits capital murder if:

28 (1) Acting alone or with one (1) or more other persons, he commits or
29 attempts to commit rape, kidnapping, vehicular piracy, robbery, burglary, a
30 felony violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, §§ 5-64-101 -
31 5-64-608, involving an actual delivery of a controlled substance, or escape
32 in the first degree, and in the course of and in furtherance of the felony,
33 or in immediate flight therefrom, he or an accomplice causes the death of any
34 person under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of
35 human life; or

1 (2) Acting alone or with one (1) or more other persons, he commits or
2 attempts to commit arson, and in the course of and in furtherance of the
3 felony or in immediate flight therefrom, he or an accomplice causes the death
4 of any person; or

5 (3) With the premeditated and deliberated purpose of causing the death
6 of any law enforcement officer, jailer, prison official, fire fighter, judge
7 or other court official, probation officer, parole officer, any military
8 personnel, or teacher or school employee, when such person is acting in the
9 line of duty, he causes the death of any person; or

10 (4) With the premeditated and deliberated purpose of causing the death
11 of another person, he causes the death of any person; or

12 (5) With the premeditated and deliberated purpose of causing the death
13 of the holder of any public office filled by election or appointment or a
14 candidate for public office, he causes the death of any person; or

15 (6) *While incarcerated in the Department of Correction or Department of*
16 *Community Punishment, he purposely causes the death of another person after*
17 *premeditation and deliberation; or*

18 (7) Pursuant to an agreement that he cause the death of another person
19 in return for anything of value, he causes the death of any person; or

20 (8) He enters into an agreement whereby one person is to cause the death
21 of another person in return for anything of value, and the person hired,
22 pursuant to the agreement, causes the death of any person; or

23 (9) Under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of
24 human life, he knowingly causes the death of a person fourteen (14) years of
25 age or younger at the time the murder was committed, provided that the
26 defendant was eighteen (18) years of age or older at the time the murder was
27 committed. It shall be an affirmative defense to any prosecution under this
28 subdivision arising from the failure of the parent, guardian, or person
29 standing in loco parentis to provide specified medical or surgical treatment,
30 that the parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis relied solely
31 on spiritual treatment through prayer in accordance with the tenets and
32 practices of an established church or religious denomination of which he is a
33 member."

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35 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent

1 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
2 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
5 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
6 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
7 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
8 act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

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/s/Edwards

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