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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1361

5 By: Representatives Wren, Courtway, Simon, Ferrell, and Pollan
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 12-12-502 TO
10 ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO SHARE REPORTS OF
11 CHILD MALTREATMENT WITH INTERVENTION TEAM AGENCIES AND
12 INDIVIDUALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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15 "TO ALLOW DHS TO SHARE REPORTS OF CHILD
16 MALTREATMENT WITH INTERVENTION TEAM
17 AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS"
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-12-502 is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "12-12-502. Regulations - Cooperative agreements.

24 (a) The director of the department shall promulgate regulations to
25 implement the provisions of this subchapter.

26 (b) The director of the department shall initiate formal cooperative
27 agreements with law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and other
28 appropriate agencies and individuals in order to implement a coordinated
29 multidisciplinary team approach to intervention in reports involving severe
30 maltreatment, and all reports requested by the district prosecuting attorney
31 pertaining to a law enforcement or prosecutor's investigation, and may enter
32 into cooperative agreements with other states to create a national child
33 maltreatment registration system."
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-28-411 is amended to read as
36 follows:

1 "9-28-411. Records confidential - Exceptions.
2 Reports, correspondence, memoranda, case histories, or other materials
3 compiled or received by a licensee in placing a child shall be confidential
4 and shall not be released or otherwise made available, except:
5 (1) To the director as required by regulation; ~~or~~
6 (2) As provided by the Revised Uniform Adoption Act, § 9-9-201 et seq.;
7 or
8 (3) To multidisciplinary teams under A.C.A. § 12-12-502(b)."
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10 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
11 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
12 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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14 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
18 act are declared to be severable.
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20 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
21 hereby repealed.

22 /s/Rep. Wren et al
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