

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2006

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5 By: Representatives Thomas and Shoffner
6 By: Senator Webb

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO CREATE A BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAM
10 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE, A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ARKANSAS
11 COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "AN ACT TO CREATE A BATTERERS
16 INTERVENTION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION
17 COMMITTEE."

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

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21 SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Batterers Intervention Program
22 Certification Committee, a subcommittee of the Arkansas Coalition Against
23 Domestic Violence, to certify and monitor batterers intervention programs for
24 persons convicted of domestic abuse crimes.

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26 SECTION 2. The Batterers Intervention Program Certification Committee
27 shall have the authority and responsibility to:

28 (1) create standards and guidelines for all batterers intervention
29 programs statewide;

30 (2) approve for certification only those programs that seek to hold
31 perpetrators accountable for their violence and to provide safety for domestic
32 violence victims;

33 (3) monitor batterers intervention programs to insure compliance with
34 the required standards and guidelines;

35 (4) receive complaints and grievances regarding intervention programs
36 and make determinations as to continued certification or decertification of

1 the programs; and
 2 (5) decertify programs which fail to comply with the required standards
 3 and guidelines promulgated by this committee.

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 5 SECTION 3. The Batterers Intervention Program Certification Committee
 6 members shall consist of:

7 (1) the Executive Director of the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic
 8 Violence;

9 (2) the Board Chair of the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic
 10 Violence;

11 (3) a representative of probation officers;

12 (4) a prosecutor;

13 (5) one (1) member at-large with experience in batterers intervention
 14 programs to be chosen by the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence;

15 (6) a representative of the municipal judiciary;

16 (7) a representative of battered and formerly battered women to be
 17 chosen by the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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 19 SECTION 4. Members of the Batterers Intervention Program Certification
 20 Committee shall be selected by the group which they represent and shall meet
 21 at least quarterly. No committee member shall have a pecuniary interest in
 22 the intervention program or the services provided in connection therewith.

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 24 SECTION 5. The Batterers Intervention Program Certification Committee
 25 and its individual members shall be immune from any liability, civil or
 26 criminal, for the good faith performance of their duties as specified in this
 27 subsection (2).

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 29 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
 30 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
 31 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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 33 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 36 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
4 hereby repealed.

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