

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1307

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5 By: Representative Wilkinson  
6 By: Senator Walters

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 12-8-502 TO MODIFY  
11 THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF CHILD ABUSE  
12 INVESTIGATIONS BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO  
13 THE FAMILY PROTECTION UNIT OF THE ARKANSAS STATE  
14 POLICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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17 "TO MODIFY THE CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION  
18 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY LOCAL LAW  
19 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO THE STATE  
20 POLICE."

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-8-502(c), regarding the sharing of  
26 information on child abuse investigations by local law enforcement agencies  
27 with the Family Protection Unit of the Arkansas State Police, is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 "(c) The Family Protection Unit shall develop and maintain statewide  
30 statistics regarding the incidence of child abuse. Each county and city law  
31 enforcement agency conducting child abuse investigations through referral from  
32 the child abuse hotline ~~shall~~ may report the status and disposition of these  
33 investigations to the Family Protection Unit on a monthly basis, but the  
34 agencies shall report the status and disposition of any completed  
35 investigations which are referred to the prosecuting attorney's office and any  
36 other investigations which are otherwise closed."

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SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.