

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2557

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7 By: Senators Wilkins, B. Walker

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 SERVICES, DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES TO CEASE  
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13 ALEXANDER, ARKANSAS FOR TWO (2) YEARS; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Findings and Purpose.

28 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

29 (1) The Division of Youth Services has released a request for a  
30 proposal to privatize the Alexander Youth Facility in Alexander, Arkansas by  
31 August 1, 2001;

32 (2) Privatization will cause significant negative physical,  
33 emotional, and educational impact on children currently cared for in the  
34 facility;

35 (3) Uncertainty exists regarding efficiency, effectiveness, and  
36 accountability resulting from the decision to privatize;

1           (4) The Alexander Youth Facility in Alexander, Arkansas has  
2 never been staffed sufficiently, nor administratively focused to ensure the  
3 success of the existing program; and

4           (5) A significant number of state employees will be impacted by  
5 the decision to privatize.

6           (b) This act is intended to re-examine the need to privatize the  
7 Alexander facility.

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9           SECTION 2. Cessation of privatization.

10          (a)(1) Privatization of the Alexander Youth Facility in Alexander,  
11 Arkansas shall cease and be in abeyance for a period not less than two (2)  
12 years from the effective date of this act.

13          (2) In this two (2) year interim time period, a full and  
14 sufficient staff shall be hired and shall receive:

15                 (A) Complete education and training as required under §  
16 25-10-139 and under any rules and regulations promulgated by the Division of  
17 Youth Services of the Department of Human Services promulgated under § 25-10-  
18 139; and

19                 (B) Complete education and training to enable existing and  
20 new staff to continue operating the Alexander Youth Facility in Alexander,  
21 Arkansas as a state facility.

22          (b) The Division on Youth Services of the Department of Human Services  
23 shall monitor the progress of the Alexander facility and report their  
24 findings quarterly to both the House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and  
25 Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs, and the Senate Interim Committee on  
26 Children and Youth.