

State of Arkansas
85th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2871

By: Representative Bond

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO REDUCE THE
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE PLACED OUT-OF-STATE
FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND TREATMENT; TO
ENSURE THAT CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING APPROPRIATE
AND QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; TO
INCENTIVIZE THE USE OF MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS IN
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FOR THE TREATMENT OF
CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO REDUCE THE
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE PLACED OUT-
OF-STATE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND
TREATMENT.

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

SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to:

(1) Address the out-of-state placement of children for mental health services and treatment;

(2) Reduce the number of children who are placed out of state for mental health services and treatment; and

(3) Better utilize the mental health providers in the State of Arkansas for the treatment of children.

