

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 2399

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE FACILITIES TO WHICH  
10 CHILDREN ARE COMMITTED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE  
11 SYSTEM ARE SUFFICIENTLY SAFE AND SECURE; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM FACILITY  
15 ACT: TO ENSURE THAT THE FACILITIES TO  
16 WHICH CHILDREN ARE COMMITTED IN THE  
17 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM ARE SUFFICIENTLY  
18 SAFE AND SECURE.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3 is amended to add an  
25 additional subchapter to read as follows:

26 10-3-2401. Title.

27 This subchapter shall be known as the "Juvenile Justice System Facility  
28 Act".  
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30 10-3-2402. Purpose.

31 The purpose of this subchapter is to clarify the duties of the House  
32 Interim Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military  
33 Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth in regard to  
34 the review, inspection, and monitoring of the facilities to which children  
35 are committed in the juvenile justice system.  
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1 10-3-2403. Duties.

2 (a) The members of the House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and  
3 Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on  
4 Children and Youth may:

5 (1) Establish and maintain a continuing program of inspection  
6 for each facility to which children are committed in the juvenile justice  
7 system; and

8 (2) Evaluate and assist in the development of programs to  
9 improve the condition or operation of each facility to which children are  
10 committed in the juvenile justice system.

11 (b) The members of the House Interim Committee on Aging,  
12 Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim  
13 Committee on Children and Youth may prepare a report for submission to each  
14 succeeding General Assembly to include the committees' interim findings.

15 (c) This subchapter shall not be construed as a limitation of the  
16 House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and  
17 Military Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth from  
18 forming a subcommittee to address the issues of this subchapter.

19 (d) Members of the committees or the subcommittees designated to  
20 perform the duties shall be entitled to reimbursement for per diem and  
21 mileage at the same rate and from the same source as provided by law for  
22 members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim committees.

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24 10-3-2404. Access to, inspection of, and monitoring of facilities.

25 (a) The members of the House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and  
26 Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on  
27 Children and Youth and the staff of the committees shall have the right to  
28 enter into any part of any facility to which children are committed from the  
29 juvenile justice system at any time during normal business hours without  
30 advance notice.

31 (b) The members of the House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and  
32 Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Interim Committee on  
33 Children and Youth and the staff of the committees shall have the right to  
34 inspect and monitor the facilities.

35 (c) This section applies to a facility that is operated by the state,  
36 a political subdivision of the state, or a private entity under contract with

1 a state or local government.

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*/s/ S. Dobbins, et al*

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