

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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As Engrossed: H4/2/09
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2271

5 *By: Representative D. Creekmore*
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CHILD MALTREATMENT
10 ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CHILD MALTREATMENT
14 ACT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-402(b) as enacted by Section 1 of Act*
20 *749 of 2009, concerning mandated reporters for child maltreatment, is amended*
21 *to read as follows:*

22 *(b) The following individuals are mandated reporters under this*
23 *chapter:*

- 24 *(1) A child care worker or foster care worker;*
- 25 *(2) A coroner;*
- 26 *(3) A day care center worker;*
- 27 *(4) A dentist;*
- 28 *(5) A dental hygienist;*
- 29 *(6) A domestic abuse advocate;*
- 30 *(7) A domestic violence shelter employee;*
- 31 *(8) A domestic violence shelter volunteer;*
- 32 *(9) An employee of the Department of Human Services;*
- 33 *(10) An employee working under contract for the Division of*
34 *Youth Services of the Department of Human Services;*
- 35 *(11) A foster parent;*
- 36 *(12) A judge;*



- 1 (13) A law enforcement official;
- 2 (14) A licensed nurse;
- 3 (15) Medical personnel who may be engaged in the admission,
4 examination, care, or treatment of persons;
- 5 (16) A mental health professional;
- 6 (17) An osteopath;
- 7 (18) A peace officer;
- 8 (19) A physician;
- 9 (20) A prosecuting attorney;
- 10 (21) A resident intern;
- 11 (22) A school counselor;
- 12 (23) A school official;
- 13 (24) A social worker;
- 14 (25) A surgeon;
- 15 (26) A teacher;
- 16 (27) A court-appointed special advocate program staff member or
17 volunteer;
- 18 (28) A juvenile intake or probation officer;
- 19 (29) A clergy member, which includes a minister, priest, rabbi,
20 accredited Christian Science practitioner, or other similar functionary of a
21 religious organization, or an individual reasonably believed to be so by the
22 person consulting him or her, except to the extent the clergy member:
- 23 (A) Has acquired knowledge of suspected child maltreatment
24 through communications required to be kept confidential pursuant to the
25 religious discipline of the relevant denomination or faith; or
- 26 (B) Received the knowledge of the suspected child
27 maltreatment from the alleged offender in the context of a statement of
28 admission;
- 29 (30) An employee of a child advocacy center or a child safety
30 center; ~~or~~
- 31 (31) An attorney ad litem in the course of his or her duties as
32 an attorney ad litem;
- 33 (32)(A) A sexual abuse advocate or sexual abuse volunteer who
34 works with a victim of sexual abuse as an employee of a community-based
35 victim service or mental health agency such as Safe Places, United Family
36 Services, or Centers for Youth and Families.

1 (B) A sexual abuse advocate or sexual abuse volunteer
2 includes a paid or volunteer sexual abuse advocate who is based with a local
3 law enforcement agency;

4 (33) A rape crisis advocate or rape crisis volunteer;

5 (34)(A) A child abuse advocate or child abuse volunteer who
6 works with a child victim of abuse or maltreatment as an employee of a
7 community-based victim service or a mental health agency such as Safe Places,
8 United Family Services, or Centers for Youth and Families.

9 (B) A child abuse advocate or child abuse volunteer
10 includes a paid or volunteer sexual abuse advocate who is based with a local
11 law enforcement agency;

12 (35) A victim/witness coordinator; or

13 (36) A victim assistance professional or victim assistance
14 volunteer.

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17 /s/ D. Creekmore
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