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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1446

5 By: Representatives Fite, Harris, *Deffenbaugh, J. Dickinson, Farrer, Hobbs, Scott*  
6 By: Senator Bledsoe  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIRED CHILD MALTREATMENT  
10 CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ADOPTION; PLACEMENT AND  
11 ADOPTION OF CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 CONCERNING REQUIRED CHILD MALTREATMENT  
16 CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ADOPTION; AND  
17 THE PLACEMENT AND ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-9-212(b)(6), concerning adoption  
23 requirements, is amended to read as follows:

24 (6) A Child Maltreatment Central Registry check shall be  
25 required for all household members age ~~ten (10)~~ fourteen (14) and older,  
26 excluding children in foster care, as a part of the home study, if such a  
27 registry is available in their state of residence.  
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-9-213(b), concerning residence of a  
30 minor, is amended to read as follows:

31 (b)~~(1)~~ Residence in the home is not required for a minor to be adopted  
32 if the minor is in the custody of the Department of Human Services-

33 ~~(2)~~-The and the minor must reside outside of the home to receive  
34 medically necessary health care.  
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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-9-702(d)(2), concerning fast-tracked



1 adoption of Garrett's Law babies, is amended to read as follows:

2 (2)(A) If the newborn is in the custody of the department, an  
3 order transferring custody to the proposed adoptive parents is required  
4 before the newborn is placed in the home of the proposed adoptive parents.

5 (B) An order to transfer custody and allow the placement  
6 of a child in a proposed adoptive home may be entered regardless of whether a  
7 petition for adoption has been filed.

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