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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1574

5 By: Representative Harris
6 By: Senator J. Woods
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FRAME TO INVESTIGATE
10 CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 EXTENDING THE TIME FRAME TO INVESTIGATE
15 CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-616 is amended to read as follows:
22 12-18-616. Timing.

23 (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an investigative
24 determination shall be made in each investigation under this chapter within
25 ~~thirty (30)~~ forty-five (45) days regardless of whether the investigation is
26 conducted by the Department of Human Services, the Crimes Against Children
27 Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or local law
28 enforcement.

29 (2) However, this procedural requirement shall not be considered
30 as a factor to alter the investigative determination in any judicial or
31 administrative proceeding.

32 (b) An investigation involving an out-of-home alleged offender that is
33 determined to be true may be extended up to ~~thirty (30)~~ forty-five (45)
34 additional days to allow an investigator to ascertain:

35 (1) The names and conditions of any children of the alleged
36 offender;



1 (2) Whether children of the alleged offender have been
2 maltreated or are at risk of maltreatment; and

3 (3) To the extent practicable, whether children previously or
4 currently under the care of the alleged offender have been sexually abused or
5 are at risk of sexual abuse.

6 (c) An investigation shall not be transferred to inactive status
7 because an investigator is awaiting documentary evidence.

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