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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE IDENTITIES OF CHILDREN FROM
9 BEING DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN MOTOR VEHICLE
10 ACCIDENT AND INVESTIGATION REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT AND INVESTIGATION
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-53-202(b), regarding accident reports
24 and supplemental reports, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b)(1)(A) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this
26 section, the driver of any taxicab, motor bus, or other motor vehicle
27 carrying passengers for hire involved in an accident resulting in injury to
28 or death of any person shall notify the nearest law enforcement agency
29 immediately.

30 (B) The ~~drivers~~ driver of any taxicab, motor bus, or other
31 motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire shall make ~~themselves~~ himself or
32 herself readily available to the investigating agency's office or officers.

33 (2)(A) ~~The~~ Except as provided under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of
34 this section, the accident report shall contain a full and complete list of
35 the names and addresses of all passengers occupying the taxicab, bus, or
36 other vehicle at the time of the accident.



1 (B) The name and address of a minor passenger who is under
 2 eighteen (18) years of age shall be included in the report, but the name and
 3 address of the minor passenger shall:

4 (i) Not be open to public inspection under this
 5 subchapter or the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.,
 6 unless the requestor is the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of the
 7 minor passenger; and

8 (ii) Be redacted on copies, including without
 9 limitation written, photostatic, or electronic copies, produced under this
 10 subchapter or the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.,
 11 unless the requestor is the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian of the
 12 minor passenger.

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 14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-53-208(a), regarding use of accident
 15 reports and supplemental reports, is amended to read as follows:

16 (a)(1) All required accident reports and supplemental reports shall be
 17 without prejudice to the individual so reporting and ~~shall be~~ are for the use
 18 of the Department of Arkansas State Police.

19 (2)(A) The Department of Arkansas State Police may disclose the
 20 identity of a person involved in an accident when the identity is not
 21 otherwise known or when the person denies his or her presence at the
 22 accident.

23 (B) They Except as provided under § 27-53-202(b)(2)(B),
 24 the department may disclose to any person involved in the accident or to
 25 ~~their~~ his or her attorney or agent the name and address of any ~~and all~~
 26 occupants and passengers in any of the vehicles involved in the accident as
 27 may be shown by the reports.

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 29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-53-209 is amended to read as follows:
 30 27-53-209. Reports open to public inspection.

31 ~~All~~ Except as provided under § 27-53-202(b)(2)(B), all motor vehicle
 32 accident reports made by the Department of Arkansas State Police, and its
 33 records of traffic violations, shall be open to public inspection at all
 34 reasonable times.

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 36 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-53-210(a), regarding copies and fees for

1 accident reports, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) ~~Photostatic~~ Except as provided under § 27-53-202(b)(2)(B),
3 photostatic or written copies of reports and records may be obtained from the
4 Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or from his or her duly
5 designated assistants, by any person who ~~shall request the Department of~~
6 ~~Arkansas State Police for them in writing~~ makes a written request for them to
7 the department.

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9 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-53-305(a), regarding reports to be
10 public records, is amended to read as follows:

11 (a) ~~All~~ Except as provided under § 27-53-202(b)(2)(B), all traffic
12 accident investigating officers' reports ~~shall be~~ are public records and ~~be~~
13 open to public inspection at all reasonable times.

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