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A Bill

SENATE BILL 705

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REQUIRING THE CORONER TO NOTIFY THE ARKANSAS
9 CHILD DEATH REVIEW PANEL OF THE ARKANSAS CHILD
10 ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION OF AN INFANT
11 DEATH OR DEATH OF A MINOR CHILD; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 REQUIRING THE CORONER TO NOTIFY THE
17 ARKANSAS CHILD DEATH REVIEW PANEL OF THE
18 ARKANSAS CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC
19 VIOLENCE COMMISSION OF AN INFANT DEATH OR
20 DEATH OF A MINOR CHILD.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-315(a)(1)(G), concerning the
26 notification of certain deaths, is amended to read as follows:

27 (G) The death of a minor child appears to indicate child
28 abuse or neglect prior to death;

30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-12-315(b) -- (d), concerning the
31 notification of certain deaths, is amended to read as follows:

32 (b) With regard to any death in a correctional facility, the county
33 coroner and the State Medical Examiner shall be notified, and when previous
34 medical history does not exist to explain the death, the Department of
35 Arkansas State Police shall be notified.

36 (c) The coroner shall notify the Arkansas Child Death Review Panel of



1 the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission or its designee of
2 the death of a infant or minor child under eighteen (18) years of age.

3 (d) A violation of the provisions of this section is a Class A
4 misdemeanor.

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6 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-12-318(a), concerning examinations,
7 investigations, and postmortem examinations, is amended to add an additional
8 subdivision to read as follows:

9 (3) A county coroner shall consult with the State Medical
10 Examiner on the death of a child eighteen (18) years of age or younger if the
11 death was sudden or unexpected, even if the child had an underlying or
12 ongoing medical condition.