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A Bill

SENATE BILL 779

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN
9 DETERMINED DEPENDENCY-NEGLECTED; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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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 § 9-27-335(b)(2), concerning placement of
22 children with a dependency-neglected disposition, is amended to add
23 additional subdivisions to read as follows:

24 (C) The court shall not order a child to be placed or
25 remain in a placement in a foster home that has been closed or suspended by a
26 child placement agency.

27 (D)(i) If the health or welfare of a child is in immediate
28 danger while in a court-ordered placement the department may immediately
29 remove the child from the court-ordered placement.

30 (ii) The department shall notify all parties within
31 twenty-four (24) hours of the change in placement under subdivision
32 (b)(2)(D)(i) of this section.

33 (iii) A party may request a hearing on the change in
34 placement made under subdivision (b)(2)(D)(ii) of this section, and the
35 hearing shall be held within five (5) business days of receiving the request.
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