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A Bill

SENATE BILL 779

5 By: Senator Hester
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

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

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

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

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



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