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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1452

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REFERRALS ON
10 CHILDREN BORN WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REFERRALS ON
16 CHILDREN BORN WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM
17 DISORDER.
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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 § 12-18-310 is amended to read as follows:

23 12-18-310. Referrals on children born with and affected by Fetal
24 Alcohol Spectrum Disorder or prenatal drug exposure to an illegal drug or a
25 legal substance.

26 (a) All healthcare providers involved in the delivery or care of
27 infants shall:

28 (1) Contact the Department of Human Services regarding an infant
29 born with and affected ~~with~~ by:

30 (A) a A fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

31 (B) Maternal substance abuse resulting in prenatal drug
32 exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; or

33 (C) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug
34 exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; and

35 (2) Share all pertinent information, including health
36 information, with the department regarding an infant born with and affected



1 with by:

2 (A) a A fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

3 (B) Maternal substance abuse resulting in prenatal drug
 4 exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; or

5 (C) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug
 6 exposure to an illegal or a legal substance.

7 (b) The department shall accept referrals, calls, and other
 8 communications from healthcare providers involved in the delivery or care of
 9 infants born with and affected with by:

10 (1) a A fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

11 (2) Maternal substance abuse resulting in prenatal drug exposure
 12 to an illegal or a legal substance; or

13 (3) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure to
 14 an illegal or a legal substance.

15 (c)(1) ~~The department shall develop a~~ A plan of safe care shall be
 16 developed for infants affected with by:

17 (A) a A fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

18 (B) Maternal substance abuse resulting in prenatal drug
 19 exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; or

20 (C) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug
 21 exposure to an illegal or a legal substance.

22 (2)(A) The plan of safe care shall be designed to ensure the
 23 safety and well-being of an infant following the release of the infant from
 24 the care of a healthcare provider.

25 (B) A plan of safe care shall include content that
 26 addresses the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of the infant
 27 and affected family or caregiver.