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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1674

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ARRESTING
10 AUTHORITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE COLLABORATIVE MULTI-
11 AGENCY ALLIANCE TO FORM AND IMPLEMENT A CHILD
12 ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ARRESTING
16 AUTHORITY; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
17 COLLABORATIVE MULTI-AGENCY ALLIANCE TO
18 FORM AND IMPLEMENT A CHILD ABDUCTION
19 RESPONSE TEAM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 32, Subchapter 1, is amended
26 to add an additional section to read as follows:

27 9-32-101. Collaboration of state agencies to form and implement child
28 abduction response team.

29 (a)(1) The following agencies shall collaborate in a multi-agency
30 effort to rescue abducted or endangered children, implement a child abduction
31 response team, and allocate the respective resources of each agency to cases
32 involving missing or endangered children:

33 (A) Attorney General;

34 (B) Department of Arkansas State Police;

35 (C) Department of Correction;

36 (D) Department of Human Services;



- 1 (E) Arkansas Natural Resources Commission;
- 2 (F) Arkansas Department of Emergency Management;
- 3 (G) Arkansas Department of Transportation; and
- 4 (H) Parole Board.

5 (2) Each agency listed under subsection (a) of this section
 6 shall:

7 (A) Execute a memorandum of understanding concerning the
 8 guidelines for the implementation of a child abduction response team; and

9 (B) Respectively coordinate the available resources of the
 10 agency to implement the child abduction response team and adhere to the
 11 executed memorandum of understanding.

12 (b) The Department of Arkansas State Police shall:

13 (1) Assemble and coordinate a child abduction response team; and

14 (2) Ensure that the agencies listed under subsection (a) of this
 15 section work in partnership to:

16 (A) Respond to child abduction incidents;

17 (B) Train child abduction response team members; and

18 (C) Provide preventative measures.

19 (c) The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management shall support the
 20 coordination of the child abduction response team by establishing a unified
 21 command and coordinating additional state resources as needed in a manner
 22 that is consistent with the operation plans of the Arkansas Department of
 23 Emergency Management.

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 25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-81-106(c)(3), concerning the authority
 26 to arrest, is amended to read as follows:

27 (3) Statewide arrest powers for certified law enforcement
 28 officers will be in effect only when the officer is working:

29 (A) ~~outside~~ Outside his or her jurisdiction at the request
 30 of or with the permission of the municipal or county law enforcement agency
 31 having jurisdiction in the locale where the officer is assisting or working
 32 by request; or

33 (B)(i) As part of a child abduction response team.

34 (ii) As used in subdivision (c)(3)(B)(i) of this
 35 section, "child abduction response team" means a multi-agency or multi-
 36 jurisdictional composite of community professionals who are trained and

1 equipped to respond in the search and recovery of an abducted or endangered
2 child.

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