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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 82

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REPORTS FILED WITH  
9 THE COURT BEFORE A HEARING HELD UNDER THE ARKANSAS  
10 JUVENILE CODE OF 1989; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REPORTS FILED  
15 WITH THE COURT BEFORE A HEARING HELD  
16 UNDER THE ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF 1989.  
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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 § 9-27-361(c), concerning reports that are  
22 filed with the court and provided to all parties by the Department of Human  
23 Services or court-appointed special advocates, is amended to read as follows:

24 ~~(c)(1) Nothing in this section shall prevent the department or the~~  
25 ~~court-appointed special advocate from filing a report with the court and~~  
26 ~~providing it to all parties or their attorneys at least seven (7) business~~  
27 ~~days before any scheduled dependency neglect hearing or presenting any~~  
28 ~~subsequent or addendum reports to the court during a hearing.~~

29 ~~(2)(A)~~ The court shall determine on the record whether ~~the~~  
30 ~~reports or addendum reports~~ a report or an addendum report that is filed with  
31 the court shall be admitted into evidence based on any evidentiary objections  
32 made by the parties.

33 ~~(B)(2)~~ The court shall not consider as evidence any report  
34 ~~or~~ part of a report, or an addendum report that was not admitted into  
35 evidence on the record.  
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