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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1278

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF  
9 INVESTIGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIVE DETERMINATIONS UNDER  
10 THE CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE CLOSURE  
15 OF INVESTIGATIONS AND INVESTIGATIVE  
16 DETERMINATIONS UNDER THE CHILD  
17 MALTREATMENT ACT.  
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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 § 12-18-619(c), concerning the closure of  
23 investigations under the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 (c) If at any time before or during the investigation the Department  
26 of Human Services and the ~~Department~~ Division of Arkansas State Police are  
27 unable to locate or identify the alleged offender or alleged victim ~~because~~  
28 ~~the alleged child maltreatment occurred more than five (5) years ago or in~~  
29 ~~another state~~, the Department of Human Services and the ~~Department~~ Division  
30 of Arkansas State Police ~~shall~~ may consider the report unable to be completed  
31 and ~~place~~ determine the report ~~in~~ to be inactive ~~status~~ if a true or  
32 unsubstantiated determination cannot be established without interviewing the  
33 alleged offender or alleged victim.  
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-702(a)(4)(B), concerning  
36 investigative determinations under the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to



1 read as follows:

2 (B) If the investigation cannot be completed because the  
3 Department of Human Services and the Division of Arkansas State Police are  
4 unable to locate or identify the alleged offender or alleged victim, the  
5 investigation ~~shall~~ may be determined ~~incomplete and placed in~~ inactive  
6 ~~status~~ if a true or unsubstantiated determination cannot be established  
7 without interviewing the alleged offender or alleged victim.

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