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7 ## For An Act To Be Entitled
8 AN ACT CONCERNING REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER
9 TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 ## Subtitle
13 CONCERNING REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER
14 TRAINING.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:
21 9-9-106. Reactive attachment disorder training.
22 (a) An employee of the Department of Human Services who is assigned
23 casework involving the adoption of a child shall complete at least three (3)
24 hours of training annually in reactive attachment disorder.
25 (b) A prospective adoptive parent shall complete at least three (3)
26 hours of training in reactive attachment disorder before a final decree of
27 adoption is entered by a court.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-355, concerning the placement of
30 juveniles, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:
31 (e)(1) An employee of the department who is assigned casework
32 involving a foster child shall complete at least three (3) hours of training
33 annually in reactive attachment disorder.
34 (2)(A) A foster parent who fosters a child assigned to him or
35 her by the department shall complete at least three (3) hours of training
36 annually in reactive attachment disorder.

1   (B) A child shall not be placed with a foster parent who

2 has failed to comply with subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section.

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4   SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-9-503 is amended to read as follows:

5   12-9-505. Certification and accreditation program.

6   (a) The Criminal Justice Institute shall develop a certification and

7 accreditation program for all law enforcement supervisors, managers, and

8 heads of police departments and law enforcement agencies.

9   (b) The certification and accreditation program developed by the

10 Criminal Justice Institute shall include a requirement that all law

11 enforcement supervisors, managers, and heads of police departments complete

12 at least three (3) hours of training annually in reactive attachment

13 disorder.

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15   SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-88-302, concerning the qualifications of

16 applicants for an occupational therapy license, is amended to add an

17 additional subdivision to read as follows:

18   (6) The applicant shall have completed at least three (3) hours

19 of training in reactive attachment disorder.

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21   SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-88-307(a)(2), concerning the renewal or

22 reregistration of an occupational therapy license, is amended to read as

23 follows:

24   (2)(A) The committee will also establish additional requirements

25 for license renewal which provide evidence of continued competency.

26   (B) The additional requirements established by the

27 committee shall require an applicant to complete at least three (3) hours of

28 training annually in reactive attachment disorder.

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30   SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-97-302(b)(1), concerning the

31 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychologist, is amended to add

32 an additional subdivision to read as follows:

33   (G) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in

34 reactive attachment disorder.

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36   SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-97-302(c), concerning the renewal or

1 reregistration of an occupational therapy license, is amended to add an
2 additional subdivision to read as follows:
3 (5) Completed at least three (3) hours of training in reactive
4 attachment disorder.
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6 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-97-303(b)(1), concerning the
7 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychological examiner, is
8 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:
9 (F) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in
10 reactive attachment disorder.
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12 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-97-303(d)(2), concerning the
13 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychological examiner, is
14 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:
15 (D) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in
16 reactive attachment disorder.
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18 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305(b)(1), concerning the issuance
19 of a provisional license to practice psychology, is amended to add an
20 additional subdivision to read as follows:
21 (D) Completed at least three (3) hours of training in
22 reactive attachment disorder.
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24 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305(d)(1), concerning the issuance
25 of a provisional license to practice psychology, is amended to add an
26 additional subdivision to read as follows:
27 (J) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in
28 reactive attachment disorder.
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30 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 17-97-308(d), concerning the annual
31 registration fee for a license to practice psychology and the failure to
32 reregister, is amended to read as follows:
33 (d) An application for annual renewal of the license of a psychologist
34 or psychological examiner ~~will~~ shall not be considered if the applicant has
35 not supplied forty (40) hours of continuing education for the previous
36 biennium, i.e., twenty-four (24) months, including at least three (3) hours

1   of training in reactive attachment disorder.

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3   SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 20-78-206(b), concerning rules setting

4   minimum standards governing the granting, revocation, refusal, and suspension

5   of licenses for a childcare facility and the operation of a childcare

6   facility, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

7   (6) Require an owner, operator, service provider, and director

8   of a childcare facility to:

9   (A) Complete at least three (3) hours of training annually

10   in reactive attachment disorder; and

11   (B) Ensure that a person who is employed in the childcare

12   facility as a childcare provider completes at least three (3) hours of

13   training annually in reactive attachment disorder.

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