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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER
9 TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 CONCERNING REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER
13 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 § 17-88-302, concerning the qualifications
5 of applicants for an occupational therapy license, is amended to add an
6 additional subdivision to read as follows:

7 (6) The applicant shall have completed at least three (3) hours
8 of training in reactive attachment disorder.

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10 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-88-307(a)(2), concerning the renewal or
11 reregistration of an occupational therapy license, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 (2)(A) The committee will also establish additional requirements
14 for license renewal which provide evidence of continued competency.

15 (B) The additional requirements established by the
16 committee shall require an applicant to complete at least three (3) hours of
17 training annually in reactive attachment disorder.

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19 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-97-302(b)(1), concerning the
20 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychologist, is amended to add
21 an additional subdivision to read as follows:

22 (G) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in
23 reactive attachment disorder.

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25 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-97-302(c), concerning the renewal or
26 reregistration of an occupational therapy license, is amended to add an
27 additional subdivision to read as follows:

28 (5) Completed at least three (3) hours of training in reactive
29 attachment disorder.

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31 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-97-303(b)(1), concerning the
32 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychological examiner, is
33 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

34 (F) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in
35 reactive attachment disorder.

1 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-97-303(d)(2), concerning the
2 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychological examiner, is
3 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

4 (D) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in
5 reactive attachment disorder.

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7 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305(b)(1), concerning the issuance of
8 a provisional license to practice psychology, is amended to add an additional
9 subdivision to read as follows:

10 (D) Completed at least three (3) hours of training in
11 reactive attachment disorder.

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13 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305(d)(1), concerning the issuance
14 of a provisional license to practice psychology, is amended to add an
15 additional subdivision to read as follows:

16 (J) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in
17 reactive attachment disorder.

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19 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 17-97-308(d), concerning the annual
20 registration fee for a license to practice psychology and the failure to
21 reregister, is amended to read as follows:

22 (d) An application for annual renewal of the license of a psychologist
23 or psychological examiner ~~will~~ shall not be considered if the applicant has
24 not supplied forty (40) hours of continuing education for the previous
25 biennium, i.e., twenty-four (24) months, including at least three (3) hours
26 of training in reactive attachment disorder.

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28 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 20-78-206(b), concerning rules setting
29 minimum standards governing the granting, revocation, refusal, and suspension
30 of licenses for a childcare facility and the operation of a childcare
31 facility, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

32 (6) Require an owner, operator, service provider, and director
33 of a childcare facility to:

34 (A) Complete at least three (3) hours of training annually
35 in reactive attachment disorder; and

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

facility as a childcare provider completes at least three (3) hours of
training annually in reactive attachment disorder.

/s/Eaves