1　State of Arkansas

2　95th General Assembly

A Bill

3　Regular Session, 2025　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　HOUSE BILL 1921

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5　By: Representative Torres

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8　**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9　　　　　　　AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING

10　　　　　　　ACT; TO AMEND THE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS

11　　　　　　　FOR FOSTER PARENTS; TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS OF

12　　　　　　　TRAINING AND CERTIFYING RELATIVES AS FOSTER PARENTS;

13　　　　　　　AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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17　　　　　　　TO AMEND THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY

18　　　　　　　LICENSING ACT; TO AMEND THE TRAINING AND

19　　　　　　　CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR FOSTER

20　　　　　　　PARENTS; AND TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS

21　　　　　　　OF TRAINING AND CERTIFYING RELATIVES AS

22　　　　　　　FOSTER PARENTS.

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24　BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26　　　　SECTION 1.　Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 28, Subchapter 4, is amended

27　to add additional sections to read as follows:

28　　　　9-28-417.　Foster home training — Limitation on hours required.

29　　　　(a)　The Division of Children and Family Services shall not require a

30　foster home to obtain more than:

31　　　　　　　(1)　Fifteen (15) hours of initial training to become an approved

32　foster home; or

33　　　　　　　(2)　Six (6) hours of annual training to maintain the foster

34　home's status as an approved foster home.

35　　　　(b)　The division may reduce the hourly requirements under subsection

36　(a) of this section by rule.

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2   9-28-418. Provisional foster home — Streamlined process.

3   (a) The Division of Children and Family Services shall not:

4   (1) Require a provisional foster home to undergo the same amount

5   of hourly training under § 9-28-417; or

6   (2) Close a provisional foster home or remove a child from

7   placement with a provisional foster home due to the provisional foster home

8   not receiving the same amount of hourly training required of a foster home

9   under § 9-28-417.

10   (b) The division shall promulgate rules under this section to

11   streamline the training process for a provisional foster home.

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