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2 89th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1029

4
5 By: Representative D. Altes

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR ALLEGED
9 CHILD OFFENDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR
14 ALLEGED CHILD OFFENDERS.

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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 12, Chapter 18, Subchapter 7 is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 12-18-712. Mental health services for alleged offenders under eighteen
22 years of age.

23 (a) If an investigative determination of a report under this chapter
24 was determined true and the alleged offender is a child under eighteen (18)
25 years of age at the time the act or omission occurred, the alleged offender
26 shall receive mental health services, including a mental health evaluation
27 and treatment if determined necessary by a mental health professional.

28 (b) The Department of Human Services shall:

29 (1) Notify the parents or legal guardians of the mental health
30 professionals who are available to evaluate and treat, if necessary, the
31 alleged offender; and

32 (2)(A) Ensure that the alleged offender receives mental health
33 services, including a mental health evaluation and treatment if determined
34 necessary by a mental health professional.

35 (B) Failure of the parents or legal guardians of the
36 alleged offender to retains mental health services for the alleged offender



1 is grounds for a family in need of services petition to be filed.

2 (c) Beginning January 1, 2013 and each year thereafter, the department
3 shall report to the Senate Committee on Children and Youth and the House
4 Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative & Military Affairs on the
5 number of alleged offenders that received mental health services under this
6 section.

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