

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 1037 of the Regular Session

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As Engrossed: H4/2/13  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 779

By: Senator Hester  
By: Representative Scott

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN  
DETERMINED DEPENDENCY-NEGLECTED; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN  
DETERMINED DEPENDENCY-NEGLECTED; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-335(b)(2), concerning placement of children with a dependency-neglected disposition, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(C) The court shall not order a child to be placed or remain in a placement in a foster home that has been closed or suspended by a child placement agency.

(D)(i) If the health or welfare of a child is in immediate danger while in a court-ordered placement the department may immediately remove the child from the court-ordered placement.

(ii) The department shall notify all parties within twenty-four (24) hours of the change in placement under subdivision (b)(2)(D)(i) of this section.

(iii) A party may request a hearing on the change in placement made under subdivision (b)(2)(D)(ii) of this section, and the hearing shall be held within five (5) business days of receiving the request.



*/s/Hester*

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