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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1029

By: Representative D. Altes

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR ALLEGED
CHILD SEX *OFFENDERS AND THE VICTIM*; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR
ALLEGED CHILD SEX *OFFENDERS AND THE*
VICTIM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 18, Subchapter 7 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-18-712. Mental health services for *alleged sex offenders* under eighteen years of *age and the victim*.

(a) If an investigative determination of a report under this chapter was determined true and the *alleged sex offender* is a child under eighteen (18) years of age at the time the act or omission occurred, the *alleged sex offender and the victim shall be referred for mental health services, including a mental health* evaluation and treatment if determined necessary by a mental health professional.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall:

(1) Provide the parents or legal guardians of the *alleged sex offender and the victim* with a list of the mental health professionals or agencies available to evaluate and treat the *alleged sex offender and the victim, if necessary; and*

(2) Assist the parents or legal guardians of the *alleged sex*



offender and the victim with a referral for a mental health evaluation, if necessary.

/s/D. Altes

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