

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1446

By: Representatives Fite, Harris, *Deffenbaugh, J. Dickinson, Farrer, Hobbs, Scott*  
By: Senator Bledsoe

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIRED CHILD MALTREATMENT  
CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ADOPTION; PLACEMENT AND  
ADOPTION OF CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

CONCERNING REQUIRED CHILD MALTREATMENT  
CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ADOPTION; AND  
THE PLACEMENT AND ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-9-212(b)(6), concerning adoption requirements, is amended to read as follows:

(6) A Child Maltreatment Central Registry check shall be required for all household members age ~~ten (10)~~ fourteen (14) and older, excluding children in foster care, as a part of the home study, if such a registry is available in their state of residence.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-9-213(b), concerning residence of a minor, is amended to read as follows:

(b)~~(1)~~ Residence in the home is not required for a minor to be adopted if the minor is in the custody of the Department of Human Services-

~~(2)~~-The and the minor must reside outside of the home to receive medically necessary health care.



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