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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1571

By: Representative E. Armstrong

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION OF
YOUTH SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES;
TO RELEASE AN EXTENDED JUVENILE JURISDICTION OFFENDER
UPON REACHING THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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OF YOUTH SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES; AND TO RELEASE AN
EXTENDED JUVENILE JURISDICTION OFFENDER
UPON REACHING THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-507(e), concerning extended juvenile jurisdiction court review hearings, is amended to add a new subdivision as follows:

(5)(A) A juvenile committed to the Division of Youth Services under extended juvenile jurisdiction shall not remain in the physical custody of the division beyond the date of his or her twenty-first birthday, even if the court fails to provide a hearing before the release.

(B) If a court order imposing an adult sentence or granting the absolute release of a juvenile is not entered on or before the juvenile's twenty-first birthday, the division shall release the juvenile from its custody.

(C) Nothing in this subdivision (e)(5) of this section



shall limit the court's jurisdiction to impose a period of probation on offenders adjudicated delinquent for capital murder, § 5-10-101, or murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, as required by subdivision (b)(2)(D) of this section.

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