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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 810

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ACCEPT EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT REPORTS AND TO ASSESS THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN REGARDING ACCEPTED MALTREATMENT REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ACCEPT EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT REPORTS AND TO ASSESS THE SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN REGARDING ACCEPTED MALTREATMENT REPORTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-304(e), qualifying reports of certain types of child maltreatment, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The Child Abuse Hotline shall not accept a report of+

- ~~(1) Environmental~~ environmental neglect pertaining to head lice unless the:
  - ~~(A)(1)~~ Head lice is chronic; or
  - ~~(B)(2)~~ Alleged victim currently has sores that require immediate medical attention; ~~or~~
  - ~~(2) Educational neglect from a school unless the school has complied with § 6-18-222.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-304, concerning qualifying reports of



certain types of child maltreatment, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(f) The Child Abuse Hotline shall accept each call regarding educational neglect.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-18-601, concerning the assignment to investigative agency of a child maltreatment report, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(e)(1) With regard to the procedures described in subdivisions (d)(1) and (2) of this section, the Department of Human Services shall assess the safety of a child upon the receipt of an accepted child maltreatment report.

(2) The assessment under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall include each underlying issue or additional child maltreatment concern that may not have been identified in the original hotline report.

(f) The Department of Human Services shall work with families related to an accepted child maltreatment report to remedy the conditions or issues that resulted in the child maltreatment report.

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