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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1972

By: Representative D. Meeks

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF FOSTER HOME AND
ADOPTIVE HOME RECORDS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING
THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS
OF CHILD MALTREATMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF FOSTER
HOME AND ADOPTIVE HOME RECORDS; AND TO
AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF
INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS OF
CHILD MALTREATMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-28-407(h)(2)(I), concerning the confidentiality and release of foster home and adoptive home records, is amended to read as follows:

(I) To the attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate, the home ~~study~~ studies on the potential adoptive ~~family~~ families selected by the Department of Human Services to adopt the juvenile or as ordered by the court.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-620(e), concerning the release of information relating to a pending investigation of a report of child



maltreatment, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(11) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home, shelter, or facility.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-18-710(e), concerning the release of information relating to a completed investigation of a report of child maltreatment, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(12) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home, shelter, or facility.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-18-813(f), concerning the confirmation of an investigative determination made under the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(12) The attorney ad litem and court-appointed special advocate of a juvenile who has an open dependency-neglect case, if the alleged offender or the minor victim resides in the home or in the proposed placement location for the juvenile that is not a licensed foster home, adoptive home, shelter, or facility.

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