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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1452

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REFERRALS ON
CHILDREN BORN WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REFERRALS ON
CHILDREN BORN WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM
DISORDER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-310 is amended to read as follows:

12-18-310. Referrals on children born with and affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder or prenatal drug exposure to an illegal drug or a legal substance.

(a) All healthcare providers involved in the delivery or care of infants shall:

(1) Contact the Department of Human Services regarding an infant born with and affected ~~with~~ by:

(A) a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

(B) Maternal substance abuse resulting in prenatal drug exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; or

(C) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; and

(2) Share all pertinent information, including health information, with the department regarding an infant born with and affected



with by:

(A) a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

(B) Maternal substance abuse resulting in prenatal drug exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; or

(C) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure to an illegal or a legal substance.

(b) The department shall accept referrals, calls, and other communications from healthcare providers involved in the delivery or care of infants born with and affected with by:

(1) a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

(2) Maternal substance abuse resulting in prenatal drug exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; or

(3) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure to an illegal or a legal substance.

(c)(1) ~~The department shall develop a~~ A plan of safe care shall be developed for infants affected with by:

(A) a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

(B) Maternal substance abuse resulting in prenatal drug exposure to an illegal or a legal substance; or

(C) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure to an illegal or a legal substance.

(2)(A) The plan of safe care shall be designed to ensure the safety and well-being of an infant following the release of the infant from the care of a healthcare provider.

(B) A plan of safe care shall include content that addresses the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of the infant and affected family or caregiver.

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