

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 927 of the Regular Session

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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 87

By: Senator A. Clark  
By: Representative Capp

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO DEFINE "*IMMINENT HARM*" UNDER THE ARKANSAS  
JUVENILE CODE OF 1989 AND THE CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO DEFINE "*IMMINENT HARM*" UNDER THE  
ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF 1989 AND THE  
CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303, concerning definitions under the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to add a new definition to read as follows:

(67) "*Imminent harm*" means an act of harm that is a danger:

(A) To the physical, mental, or emotional health of a juvenile;

(B) That is constrained by time; and

(C) That may only be prevented by immediate intervention by a court.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-103, concerning definitions under the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to add a new definition to read as follows:

(28) "*Imminent harm*" means a an act of harm that is a danger:

(A) To the physical, mental, or emotional health of a



child;

(B) That is constrained by time; and

(C) That may only be prevented by immediate intervention

by a court.

*/s/A. Clark*

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