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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1359

By: Representative Barker
By: Senator G. Stubblefield

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION UNDER THE CHILD WELFARE
AGENCY LICENSING ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RELEASE
OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION UNDER THE
CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-28-407(h)(1)(H)(i), concerning licenses required and issued under the Child Welfare Agency Licensing Act, is amended to read as follows:

(H)(i) To foster parents, the foster care record for ~~foster~~ children in foster care currently placed in their home.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-28-407(h)(1), concerning licenses required and issued under the Child Welfare Agency Licensing Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(Z)(i) To a currently or previously licensed foster parent.

(ii) A foster parent shall only receive records:

(a) Concerning a child who was previously placed in the home of the foster parent and that are relevant to the period of time in which the child was placed in the home of the foster parent; and



(b) For which the foster parent has a legitimate need as determined by the licensee or department.

/s/Barker

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