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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 257

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TIME FOR  
COMPLETING AN INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED ADULT  
MALTREATMENT OR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENT  
MALTREATMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE TIME FOR  
COMPLETING AN INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED  
ADULT MALTREATMENT OR LONG-TERM CARE  
FACILITY RESIDENT MALTREATMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1711(b)(1), concerning procedures for the Department of Human Services' investigation of suspected adult maltreatment or long-term care facility resident maltreatment, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) The investigation shall be completed and an investigative determination entered within ~~sixty (60) days~~:

(i) Ninety (90) days for an allegation of exploitation; or

(ii) Sixty (60) days for any other type of adult maltreatment allegation.

(B) The department may extend an investigation for up to an additional forty-five (45) days if the department is unable to complete the investigation or written investigative report due to untimely or



uncooperative records, interviews, or information being provided by a source necessary for the investigation.

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