

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

As Engrossed: H4/3/25

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1921

By: Representative Torres

By: Senator Dees

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING ACT; TO AMEND THE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR FOSTER PARENTS; TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS OF TRAINING AND CERTIFYING RELATIVES AS FOSTER PARENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING ACT; TO AMEND THE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR FOSTER PARENTS; AND TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS OF TRAINING AND CERTIFYING RELATIVES AS FOSTER PARENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 28, Subchapter 4, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

9-28-417. Foster home training – Limitation on hours required.

(a) The Division of Children and Family Services shall not require a foster home to obtain more than:

(1) Fifteen (15) hours of initial training to become an approved foster home; or

(2) Six (6) hours of annual training to maintain the foster home's status as an approved foster home.

(b) The division may reduce the hourly requirements under subsection (a) of this section by rule.



9-28-418. Provisional foster home – Streamlined process.

(a) The Division of Children and Family Services shall not require a provisional foster home to undergo the same amount of hourly training under § 9-28-417.

(b) The division shall promulgate rules under this section to streamline the training process for a provisional foster home.

/s/Torres

APPROVED: 4/17/25