

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1574

By: Representative Harris
By: Senator J. Woods

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FRAME TO INVESTIGATE
CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

EXTENDING THE TIME FRAME TO INVESTIGATE
CERTAIN CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-616 is amended to read as follows:
12-18-616. Timing.*

(a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an investigative determination shall be made in each investigation under this chapter within ~~thirty~~ (30) forty-five (45) days regardless of whether the investigation is conducted by the Department of Human Services, the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or local law enforcement.

(2) However, this procedural requirement shall not be considered as a factor to alter the investigative determination in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

(3)(A) An extension of an additional fifteen (15) days to make an investigative determination is permitted.

(B) The Department of Human Services and the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall respectively promulgate rules pertaining to the extension of time to make an



investigative determination.

~~(b) An investigation involving an out-of-home alleged offender that is determined to be true may be extended up to thirty (30) additional days to allow an investigator to ascertain:~~

~~(1) The names and conditions of any children of the alleged offender;~~

~~(2) Whether children of the alleged offender have been maltreated or are at risk of maltreatment; and~~

~~(3) To the extent practicable, whether children previously or currently under the care of the alleged offender have been sexually abused or are at risk of sexual abuse.~~

~~(e) An investigation shall not be transferred to inactive status because an investigator is awaiting documentary evidence.~~

/s/Harris