

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

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 705

By: Senator Irvin

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE CORONER TO NOTIFY THE ARKANSAS CHILD DEATH REVIEW PANEL OF THE ARKANSAS CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION OF AN INFANT DEATH OR DEATH OF A MINOR CHILD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

REQUIRING THE CORONER TO NOTIFY THE ARKANSAS CHILD DEATH REVIEW PANEL OF THE ARKANSAS CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION OF AN INFANT DEATH OR DEATH OF A MINOR CHILD.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-315(a)(1)(G), concerning the notification of certain deaths, is amended to read as follows:

(G) The death of a minor child appears to indicate child abuse or neglect prior to death;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-12-315(b) -- (d), concerning the notification of certain deaths, is amended to read as follows:

(b) With regard to any death in a correctional facility, the county coroner and the State Medical Examiner shall be notified, and when previous medical history does not exist to explain the death, the Department of Arkansas State Police shall be notified.

(c) The coroner shall notify the Arkansas Child Death Review Panel of



the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission or its designee of the death of a infant or minor child under eighteen (18) years of age.

(d) A violation of the provisions of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-12-318(a), concerning examinations, investigations, and postmortem examinations, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) A county coroner shall consult with the State Medical Examiner on the death of a child eighteen (18) years of age or younger if the death was sudden or unexpected, even if the child had an underlying or ongoing medical condition.