

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

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SENATE BILL 486

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING AN ADJUDICATION
HEARING OF A JUVENILE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING AN
ADJUDICATION HEARING OF A JUVENILE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-327(a), concerning an adjudication hearing of a juvenile, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4)(A) As used in this section a “disability” is a physical or mental illness recognized under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.

(B) When a juvenile has a disability and the court determines that the behavior of the juvenile was a result of the disability, the court shall:

(i) Dismiss the petition when the case is a family in need of services petition; or

(ii) Consider it as a mitigating factor when issuing its disposition order when the case is a delinquency petition.

/s/S. Flowers

