

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

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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO REQUIRE CHILD MALTREATMENT INVESTIGATORS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICES TO ALLEGED OFFENDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

### Subtitle

*TO REQUIRE CHILD MALTREATMENT INVESTIGATORS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICES TO ALLEGED OFFENDERS.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-602(c), concerning the initial contact between the alleged offender and the person conducting the investigation of reported child maltreatment, is amended to read as follows:

*(c)(1) At the initial time of contact with the alleged offender, the person conducting the investigation shall advise the alleged offender of the allegations made against the alleged offender in a manner that is consistent with the laws protecting the rights of the person who made the report.*

*(2) At the time of the initial contact with an alleged offender, the person conducting the investigation shall provide the alleged offender with the following written notice:*

*"Notice to the Alleged Offender*

*1. As required by Ark. Code Ann. § 12-18-602, we are notifying you that you have been identified as an alleged offender in a report of*



suspected child maltreatment made to the Child Abuse Hotline."

AND

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"2. The reported offense(s) alleged against you include(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The alleged victim(s) is/are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. An investigation will be conducted on this hotline report. No determination has been made as to the accuracy or inaccuracy of the hotline report. Once the investigation is complete, an investigative determination will be made.

5. If the hotline report is determined to be true, you have the right to an administrative hearing and the right to have an attorney represent you at the administrative hearing. If you cannot afford an attorney, you can contact the Center for Arkansas Legal Services.

6. If the hotline report is determined to be true and you do not prevail at an administrative hearing, your name may be placed on the Child Maltreatment Central Registry.

7. You have the right to seek the advice of an attorney and to have an attorney present during any questioning by the assigned investigator."

/s/Gates