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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1746

By: Representatives Kelly, Bentley, Evans, Gates, B. Smith, Vaught, Wooten
By: Senator K. Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR
INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE REPORTS TO THE CHILD ABUSE
HOTLINE IN GOOD FAITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY
FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO MAKE REPORTS TO THE
CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE IN GOOD FAITH.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-18-401 is amended to read as follows:
12-18-401. Generally.

(a) A person may immediately notify the Child Abuse Hotline if he or she:

(1) Has reasonable cause to suspect that:

(A) Child maltreatment has occurred; or

(B) A child has died as a result of child maltreatment; or

(2) Observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in child maltreatment.

(b) A person who in good faith notifies the hotline in accordance with subsection (a) of this section is immune from civil and criminal liability.

