

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1708

By: Representative Eaves

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER
TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER
TRAINING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

9-9-106. Reactive attachment disorder training.

(a) An employee of the Department of Human Services who is assigned casework involving the adoption of a child shall complete at least three (3) hours of training annually in reactive attachment disorder.

(b) A prospective adoptive parent shall complete at least three (3) hours of training in reactive attachment disorder before a final decree of adoption is entered by a court.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-355, concerning the placement of juveniles, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) An employee of the department who is assigned casework involving a foster child shall complete at least three (3) hours of training annually in reactive attachment disorder.

(2)(A) A foster parent who fosters a child assigned to him or her by the department shall complete at least three (3) hours of training annually in reactive attachment disorder.



(B) A child shall not be placed with a foster parent who has failed to comply with subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-88-302, concerning the qualifications of applicants for an occupational therapy license, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(6) The applicant shall have completed at least three (3) hours of training in reactive attachment disorder.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-97-302(b)(1), concerning the qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychologist, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(G) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in reactive attachment disorder.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-97-303(b)(1), concerning the qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychological examiner, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(F) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in reactive attachment disorder.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-97-303(d)(2), concerning the qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychological examiner, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in reactive attachment disorder.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305(b)(1), concerning the issuance of a provisional license to practice psychology, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) Completed at least three (3) hours of training in reactive attachment disorder.

SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305(d)(1), concerning the issuance of a provisional license to practice psychology, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(J) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in reactive attachment disorder.

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 17-97-308(d), concerning the annual registration fee for a license to practice psychology and the failure to reregister, is amended to read as follows:

(d) An application for annual renewal of the license of a psychologist or psychological examiner ~~will~~ shall not be considered if the applicant has not supplied forty (40) hours of continuing education for the previous biennium, i.e., twenty-four (24) months, including at least three (3) hours of training in reactive attachment disorder.

/s/Eaves