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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1356

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 12 OF  
10 THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
11 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-913(j)(1)(B)(viii), concerning  
25 disclosure of sex offender registration records, is amended to read as  
26 follows to add clarifying language:

27 (viii) The sex offender's parole, post-release  
28 supervision, or probation office;  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-12-1201 is amended to read as follows to  
31 add clarifying language and make stylistic changes:

32 12-12-1201. Authorization.

33 The Arkansas Crime Information Center ~~is authorized to~~ may develop and  
34 operate a computerized victim notification system which shall provide:

35 (1) A mechanism for victims of criminal offenses or the victim's  
36 next of kin to access information about proceedings in the criminal justice



1 and corrections systems by use of a twenty-four-hour toll-free in-watts  
2 telephone service; and

3 (2) Automatic notification by computerized telephone service to  
4 the victims of criminal offenses or the victim's next of kin of:

5 (A) ~~An inmate's, parolee's, or probationer's~~ The status of  
6 an inmate, parolee, person on post-release supervision, or probationer,  
7 including the location of the inmate, parolee, person on post-release  
8 supervision, or probationer;

9 (B) A person's release or modification of a conditional  
10 release from the custody of the Arkansas State Hospital, a local or regional  
11 hospital, a local or regional mental health facility, or a local or regional  
12 jail to which the person has been committed by a court when the person  
13 committed a criminal act against the victim but was adjudicated in the  
14 criminal case to have a mental disease or defect under § 5-2-301 et seq.; and

15 (C) A sex offender's application for the termination of  
16 the obligation to register as a sex offender under § 12-12-919.

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18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-15-208 is amended to read as follows to  
19 add clarifying language:

20 12-15-208. Department of Corrections employees – Eligibility to carry  
21 concealed handgun.

22 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Corrections or his or her  
23 designee may authorize an employee of the Department of Corrections to carry  
24 a concealed handgun into a building in which or a location on which a law  
25 enforcement officer may carry a concealed handgun, as long as the individual:

26 (1) Is presently employed with the department, except as  
27 provided under subdivision (d)(2) of this section;

28 (2) Is not subject to any disciplinary action that suspends his  
29 or her authority to work;

30 (3) Is carrying a badge or appropriate written and photographic  
31 identification issued by the department;

32 (4) Is not otherwise prohibited under federal law from  
33 possessing or receiving a firearm;

34 (5) Is not under the influence of alcohol or another  
35 intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance;

36 (6) Has provided written authorization for state- and national-

1 level criminal history records screening with the results of the screening  
2 showing that the individual is eligible to legally possess and carry a  
3 firearm;

4 (7) Has fingerprint impressions on file with the Division of  
5 Arkansas State Police automated fingerprint identification system; and

6 (8) Has completed a weapons qualification course administered by  
7 the department.

8 (b) The secretary or his or her designee retains full discretion to  
9 deny an employee's request under this section.

10 (c) An individual carrying a concealed handgun under this section  
11 shall annually complete a weapons requalification course administered by the  
12 department.

13 (d) An individual authorized to carry a concealed handgun under this  
14 section:

15 (1) Shall immediately be prohibited from carrying a concealed  
16 handgun under this section if the individual no longer meets the criteria  
17 stated in subdivisions (a)(2)-(5) of this section; and

18 (2) Before his or her last day of employment with the  
19 department, may seek authorization from the secretary or his or her designee  
20 to continue to carry a concealed handgun under this section for an additional  
21 six (6) months after his or her last day of employment with the department.

22 (e)(1) The secretary shall maintain a list of individuals authorized  
23 to carry a concealed handgun under this section.

24 (2) The list required under subdivision (e)(1) of this section:

25 (A) Shall identify the name and location of assignment for  
26 each individual authorized to carry a concealed handgun under this section;

27 (B) Shall be kept confidential; and

28 (C) Is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of  
29 Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

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31 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-18-103(14)(A)(iii), concerning  
32 definitions under the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to read as follows  
33 to clarify a reference:

34 (iii) Failure to take reasonable action to protect  
35 the child from abandonment, abuse, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or  
36 neglect when the existence of the condition was known or should have been

1 known, and, if for abuse or neglect, the failure to take reasonable action to  
 2 protect the ~~juvenile~~ child causes the ~~juvenile~~ child serious bodily injury;

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 4 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 12-26-103(a), concerning the Office of  
 5 Criminal Detention Facilities Review Coordinator, is amended to read as  
 6 follows to correct a reference:

7 (a) There is established the Office of Criminal Detention Facilities  
 8 Review Coordinator within the ~~Department of Corrections~~ Department of Public  
 9 Safety which shall consist of:

- 10 (1) A Criminal Detention Facilities Review Coordinator, who  
 11 shall be hired and employed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of  
 12 the Department of Public Safety;
- 13 (2) An administrative assistant; and
- 14 (3) Other staff permanently or temporarily assigned from within  
 15 the Department of Public Safety.

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 17 SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

18 It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

19 (1) The enactment and adoption of this act shall not expressly  
 20 or impliedly repeal an act passed during the regular session of the Ninety-  
 21 Fifth General Assembly;

22 (2) To the extent that a conflict exists between an act of the  
 23 regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly and this act:

24 (A) The act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth  
 25 General Assembly shall be treated as a subsequent act passed by the General  
 26 Assembly for the purposes of:

27 (i) Giving the act of the regular session of the  
 28 Ninety-Fifth General Assembly its full force and effect; and

29 (ii) Amending or repealing the appropriate parts of  
 30 the Arkansas Code of 1987; and

31 (B) Section 1-2-107 shall not apply; and

32 (3) This act shall make only technical, not substantive, changes  
 33 to the Arkansas Code of 1987.

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 35 **APPROVED: 2/25/25**