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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1921

5 By: Representative Torres
6 By: Senator Dees
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHILD WELFARE AGENCY LICENSING
10 ACT; TO AMEND THE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS
11 FOR FOSTER PARENTS; TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS OF
12 TRAINING AND CERTIFYING RELATIVES AS FOSTER PARENTS;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 LICENSING ACT; TO AMEND THE TRAINING AND
18 CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR FOSTER
19 PARENTS; AND TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS
20 OF TRAINING AND CERTIFYING RELATIVES AS
21 FOSTER PARENTS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 28, Subchapter 4, is amended
27 to add additional sections to read as follows:

28 9-28-417. Foster home training – Limitation on hours required.

29 (a) The Division of Children and Family Services shall not require a
30 foster home to obtain more than:

31 (1) Fifteen (15) hours of initial training to become an approved
32 foster home; or

33 (2) Six (6) hours of annual training to maintain the foster
34 home's status as an approved foster home.

35 (b) The division may reduce the hourly requirements under subsection
36 (a) of this section by rule.



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9-28-418. Provisional foster home – Streamlined process.

(a) The Division of Children and Family Services shall not require a provisional foster home to undergo the same amount of hourly training under § 9-28-417.

(b) The division shall promulgate rules under this section to streamline the training process for a provisional foster home.

/s/Torres

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