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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 319

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO LIMIT FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS OF ALLEGEDLY  
10 ABUSED CHILDREN TO CHILD SAFETY CENTERS; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO LIMIT FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS OF  
16 ALLEGEDLY ABUSED CHILDREN TO CHILD SAFETY  
17 CENTERS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-5-110, concerning interagency memoranda*  
23 *of understanding for child safety centers, is amended to add an additional*  
24 *subsection to read as follows:*

25 *(d) A memorandum of understanding executed under this section shall*  
26 *include the following provisions that:*

27 *(1) When available and appropriate during the course of a child*  
28 *maltreatment investigation on reports of alleged sexual abuse and when*  
29 *appropriate, alleged severe physical abuse, the Child Safety Center shall be*  
30 *utilized for forensic interviews, forensic medical examinations, and forensic*  
31 *mental health examinations; and*

32 *(2) The person who conducts the forensic interview shall be:*

33 *(A) Adequately trained in interviewing child victims; and*

34 *(B) Prepared to testify in any administrative or judicial*  
35 *proceeding regarding the forensic interview.*  
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