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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill 325

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF 1989; TO AMEND THE CHILD
MALTREATMENT ACT; TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING REINSTATEMENT OF
PARENTAL RIGHTS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE CHILD
MALTREATMENT CENTRAL REGISTRY.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 325

Amend Senate Bill 325 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 13, delete "(b)(1)" and substitute "(b)(1)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 20, and substitute the following:

~~"section shall have the right to be heard at a hearing on the motion."~~

(2) The court may appoint an attorney to represent the parent
subject to the resumption of services motion."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 24 through 27, and substitute the following:

"(b)(1) A petition to reinstate parental rights shall be filed in the
circuit court that: ~~had~~

(A) Had jurisdiction over the petition to terminate the
parental rights of the parent who is the subject of the petition to reinstate
parental rights; or

(B) Has an open dependency-neglect case concerning the
child subject to the petition for reinstatement of parental rights.

(2) If the petition under subdivision (b)(1) of this section is



filed in the court with the pending dependency-neglect case, the court may communicate with the court that terminated the parent's parental rights."

AND

Page 6, delete lines 7 through 9, and substitute the following:

"(a)(1) The Child Maltreatment Central Registry shall contain records of cases on all true investigative determinations of: ~~child maltreatment~~

(A) Abuse;

(B) Sexual abuse;

(C) Sexual exploitation; and

(D) Neglect, if the neglect is an act or omission by a:

(i) Teacher;

(ii) Teacher's aide;

(iii) Substitute teacher;

(iv) School principal;

(v) Employee of a child welfare agency;

(vi) Foster parent;

(vii) Employee of a juvenile detention facility;

(viii) Employee of a psychiatric residential

treatment facility;

(ix) Employee of a hospital;

(x) Nurse;

(xi) Nurse's aide;

(xii) Licensed social worker;

(xiii) Doctor;

(xiv) Therapist; or

(ix) Any individual who works directly with a vulnerable population in a professional or caretaking capacity.

(2) For an act or omission constituting neglect to be included in the registry, the subject of the neglect must have been a child for whom the offender was in a caretaker role or standing in loco parentis to due to employment in one (1) or more of the roles listed in subdivision (a)(1)(D) of this section.

(3) Neglect by a person in one (1) or more of the roles listed in subdivision (a)(1)(D) of this section shall not qualify for placement on

the registry if the victim of the neglect is the biological or adopted child of the offender."

AND

Delete SECTION 5 in its entirety

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator A. Clark

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Secretary