

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS Meeting Jointly

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

11:00 AM

Room A, MAC  
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Committee members present: Senators Ben Gilmore, Chair; Alan Clark, Mark Johnson, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Sonia Eubanks Barker, Chair; Mary Bentley, Vice Chair; Glenn Barnes, Keith Brooks, Nick Burkes, Paul Childress, Matt Duffield, James Eaton, Tony Furman, Diana Gonzales Worthen, Rick McClure, Jessie McGruder, Shad Pearce, Joy Springer, and Randy Torres

Other members present: Senators Jonathan Dismang, Fredrick Love, and Jamie Scott; Representatives Kenneth Ferguson, Denise Garner, Brad Hall, Jack Ladyman, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye, Bart Schultz, and Tracy Steele

Representative Barker called the meeting to order.

#### **Consideration to Approve February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]**

Senator Gilmore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Representative Bentley, and the motion carried.

#### **Department of Human Services – Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) [Exhibit C]**

Tiffany Wright, Director, DCFS, presented a proposal to revise the Division of Children and Family Services Policy Manual to align with recent legislative changes and state requirements, and to remove internal procedures from the rule.

#### **Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS)- Tiffany Wright, Director, DCFS [Exhibits D1-D3]**

Tiffany Wright, Director, DCFS, presented the following reports: Quarterly Performance Report, January 1 - March 31, 2026, and the Biannual Overturned Investigations Report.

#### **Review of Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division (CACD), Jeff Drew, Commander, CACD [Exhibits E1 – E2]**

Jeff Drew, Commander, CACD, presented the 2025 Annual Report, detailing the types of child abuse calls that were received as well as the numbers which were substantiated.

#### **Children Advocacy Centers of Arkansas Annual Report [Exhibit F]**

Elizabeth Pulley, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas, provided an overview of hosting and delivering 259 training sessions for professionals, including DCFS employees and Arkansas State Police.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.