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"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION TO PROVIDE
FOR TREATMENT OF SEX OFFENDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, there are currently over 600 inmates in the Arkansas Department of Correction convicted of sex related offenses; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that an unknown proportion of this group have paraphilias (sexual deviations) which, if ignored will result in continued sex related crimes upon release; and

WHEREAS, an individualized assessment and treatment program in the Department of Correction to screen for sexually transmitted diseases and teach socially accepted behavior would decrease the amount of recidivism of these inmates;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to enable the Department of Correction to establish a core program which will utilize services of medical and mental health providers in the community to provide intensive treatment of inmates with paraphilias (sexual deviations) during their incarceration to increase their chance of returning to society successfully upon their release.

SECTION 2. The Department of Correction, Division of Mental Health Services, is hereby authorized to establish and maintain a program for intensive treatment for control of deviant sexual behavior of inmates in a specialized treatment setting and to cooperate with the medical services provider in screening for sexually transmitted diseases as part of this program. The Department may develop the program in such a manner as to utilize outside professionals from the medical and mental health fields to provide both teaching

and training opportunities.

SECTION 3. The Department of Correction, Division of Mental Health Services, shall adopt, promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations, policies and standards as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

