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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1446

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIRED CHILD MALTREATMENT
10 CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ADOPTION; PLACEMENT AND
11 ADOPTION OF CHILDREN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 CONCERNING REQUIRED CHILD MALTREATMENT
16 CENTRAL REGISTRY CHECKS FOR ADOPTION; AND
17 THE PLACEMENT AND ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.
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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 § 9-9-212(b)(6), concerning adoption
23 requirements, is amended to read as follows:

24 (6) A Child Maltreatment Central Registry check shall be
25 required for all household members age ~~ten (10)~~ fourteen (14) and older,
26 excluding children in foster care, as a part of the home study, if such a
27 registry is available in their state of residence.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-9-213(b), concerning residence of a
30 minor, is amended to read as follows:

31 (b)~~(1)~~ Residence in the home is not required for a minor to be adopted
32 if the minor is in the custody of the Department of Human Services-

33 ~~(2)~~-The and the minor must reside outside of the home to receive
34 medically necessary health care.
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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-9-702(d)(2), concerning fast-tracked



1 adoption of Garrett's Law babies, is amended to read as follows:

2 (2)(A) If the newborn is in the custody of the department, an
3 order transferring custody to the proposed adoptive parents is required
4 before the newborn is placed in the home of the proposed adoptive parents.

5 (B) An order to transfer custody and allow the placement
6 of a child in a proposed adoptive home may be entered regardless of whether a
7 petition for adoption has been filed.

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