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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1029

5 By: Representative D. Altes  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR ALLEGED  
9 *CHILD SEX OFFENDERS*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR  
12 ALLEGED *CHILD SEX OFFENDERS*.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 18, Subchapter 7 is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 12-18-712. Mental health services for *alleged sex offenders* under  
22 eighteen years of age.

23 (a) If an investigative determination of a report under this chapter  
24 was determined true and the *alleged sex offender* is a child under eighteen  
25 (18) years of age at the time the act or omission occurred, the *alleged sex*  
26 *offender* shall receive mental health services, including a mental health  
27 evaluation and treatment if determined necessary by a mental health  
28 professional.

29 (b) The Department of Human Services shall:

30 (1) Notify the parents or legal guardians of the mental health  
31 professionals who are available to evaluate and treat, if necessary, the  
32 *alleged sex offender*; and

33 (2)(A) Ensure that the *alleged offender* receives mental health  
34 services, including a mental health evaluation and treatment if determined  
35 necessary by a mental health professional.

36 (B) Failure of the parents or legal guardians of the



1 alleged sex offender to retain mental health services for the alleged sex  
2 offender is grounds for a family in need of services petition to be filed.

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