

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1708

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5 By: Representative Eaves  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT CONCERNING REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER  
9 TRAINING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 CONCERNING REACTIVE ATTACHMENT DISORDER  
14 TRAINING.  
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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 9, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended  
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 9-9-106. Reactive attachment disorder training.

22 (a) An employee of the Department of Human Services who is assigned  
23 casework involving the adoption of a child shall complete at least three (3)  
24 hours of training annually in reactive attachment disorder.

25 (b) A prospective adoptive parent shall complete at least three (3)  
26 hours of training in reactive attachment disorder before a final decree of  
27 adoption is entered by a court.  
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-355, concerning the placement of  
30 juveniles, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

31 (e)(1) An employee of the department who is assigned casework  
32 involving a foster child shall complete at least three (3) hours of training  
33 annually in reactive attachment disorder.

34 (2)(A) A foster parent who fosters a child assigned to him or  
35 her by the department shall complete at least three (3) hours of training  
36 annually in reactive attachment disorder.



1                   (B) A child shall not be placed with a foster parent who  
2 has failed to comply with subdivision (e)(2)(A) of this section.

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4           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-88-302, concerning the qualifications  
5 of applicants for an occupational therapy license, is amended to add an  
6 additional subdivision to read as follows:

7                   (6) The applicant shall have completed at least three (3) hours  
8 of training in reactive attachment disorder.

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10          SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-97-302(b)(1), concerning the  
11 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychologist, is amended to add  
12 an additional subdivision to read as follows:

13                   (G) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in  
14 reactive attachment disorder.

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16          SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-97-303(b)(1), concerning the  
17 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychological examiner, is  
18 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

19                   (F) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in  
20 reactive attachment disorder.

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22          SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-97-303(d)(2), concerning the  
23 qualifications for obtaining a license as a psychological examiner, is  
24 amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

25                   (D) Has completed at least three (3) hours of training in  
26 reactive attachment disorder.

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28          SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305(b)(1), concerning the issuance of  
29 a provisional license to practice psychology, is amended to add an additional  
30 subdivision to read as follows:

31                   (D) Completed at least three (3) hours of training in  
32 reactive attachment disorder.

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34          SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 17-97-305(d)(1), concerning the issuance of  
35 a provisional license to practice psychology, is amended to add an additional  
36 subdivision to read as follows:

