

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 87

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5 By: Senator A. Clark

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO DEFINE "IMMINENT DANGER" UNDER THE ARKANSAS  
9 JUVENILE CODE OF 1989 AND THE CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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14 TO DEFINE "IMMINENT DANGER" UNDER THE  
15 ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF 1989 AND THE  
16 CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303, concerning definitions under the  
22 Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to add a new definition to read as  
23 follows:

24 (67) "Imminent danger" means an act of harm that is a danger:

25 (A) To the physical, mental, or emotional health of a  
26 juvenile;

27 (B) That is constrained by time; and

28 (C) That may only be prevented by immediate intervention  
29 by a court.

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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-18-103, concerning definitions under the  
32 Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to add a new definition to read as  
33 follows:

34 (28) "Imminent danger" means a an act of harm that is a danger:

35 (A) To the physical, mental, or emotional health of a  
36 child;



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