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A Bill

SENATE BILL 87

5 By: Senator A. Clark
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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13 TO DEFINE "*IMMINENT HARM*" UNDER THE
14 ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF 1989 AND THE
15 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 harm*" 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 harm*" 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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by a court.

/s/A. Clark