

LIST OF 19 CRITICAL FAMILY AND PARENT RIGHTS BILLS

WITH ADVISORY COMMENTS BY JAMES ROGER BROWN

HOUSE BILLS

HB1075 *** HB1075 Sponsor: Thyer -- AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO THE OFFENSE OF VIOLATION OF AN ORDER OF PROTECTION. Amend. 1

HB1119 *** HB1119 Sponsor: Adams -- TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE BY CLARIFYING THE PUBLIC POLICY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH AN ADOPTIVE OR FOSTER PARENT. Amend. 1 Amend. 2

HB1569 *** HB1569 Sponsor: L. Smith -- AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JUDICIAL PROCEDURE TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AND DECISIONS.

HB1710 *** HB1710 Sponsor: J. Martin -- TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO FOSTER CHILDREN. Amend. 1 Amend. 2

HB2432 *** HB2432 Sponsor: Schulte -- TO PROVIDE JUDICIAL RELIEF TO A PERSON WHO CAN ESTABLISH THAT AN ALLEGATION OF CHILD MALTREATMENT IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE.

HB2526 *** HB2526 Sponsor: J. Martin -- AN ACT TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR INTERFERENCE WITH CUSTODY WHILE A CUSTODIAN AND MINOR ARE BEING HOUSED AT AN ABUSE SHELTER.

HB2527 *** HB2527 Sponsor: J. Martin -- AN ACT TO REQUIRE A GUARDIAN OF A PERSON TO REPORT THE CONDITION OF HIS OR HER WARD TO THE COURT AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

HB2531 *** HB2531 Sponsor: Medley -- AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OVERSEE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

HB2578 *** HB2578 Sponsor: J. Martin -- AN ACT TO CREATE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF INTERNET STALKING OF A CHILD.

HB2615 *** HB2615 Sponsor: Bright -- AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL OFFENSES INVOLVING FAMILIES, DEPENDENTS, DOMESTIC BATTERING AND ASSAULT, NONSUPPORT, CUSTODY, AND VISITATION.

[WARNING: THIS A SHELL BILL. THE FINAL TEXT OF THIS BILL IS SUPPOSED TO CRIMINALIZE INTERFERENCE WITH CUSTODY AND VISITATION. CHECK TO MAKE

CERTAIN IT DOES.]

HB2626 *** HB2626 Sponsor: Bright -- AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVISED UNIFORM ADOPTION CODE TO ALLOW FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD. [WARNING: THIS A SHELL BILL. THE FINAL TEXT OF THIS BILL IS SUPPOSED TO STATE A CRITERIA AND STANDARD BASED DEFINITION OF "BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD." CHECK TO MAKE CERTAIN IT DOES.]

HB2744 *** HB2744 Sponsor: Wood -- TO PRESERVE THE CUSTODIAL RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES WHO ARE CALLED INTO ACTIVE DUTY. [WARNING: THIS IS A SHELL BILL FILED PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE TO ALLOW TEXT TO BE ADDED BEFORE BRINGING THE BILL BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. FOLLOW CLOSELY FOR FINAL WORDING. THIS IS A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS BILL.]

HB2751 *** HB2751 Sponsor: L. Smith -- AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1993 TO ADD SEXUAL ORIENTATION AS A BASIS FOR A CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION. [THIS BILL WILL ALSO PROTECT HETEROSEXUAL RIGHTS!]

HB2979 *** HB2979 Sponsor: Elliott -- AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS.

SENATE BILLS

SB174 ACT170 SB174 Sponsor: Wilkinson -- THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT.

SB1011 *** SB1011 Sponsor: Madison -- TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CHILD DEATH REVIEW PANEL.

SB1029 *** SB1029 Sponsor: Malone -- AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE.

SB1030 *** SB1030 Sponsor: Malone -- THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

SB1154 *** SB1154 Sponsor: J. Jeffress -- AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES.