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Arkansas is seeing a rise in unaccompanied minors living in unfavorable conditions. That's according to Governor Asa Hutchinson, who said today (Mon) that 672 unaccompanied minors have entered the state from other countries to live with sponsor families. He criticized how the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has been vetting sponsors because there has been a rise in reports of children being abandoned. Hutchinson said he will send a letter to the secretary of the Department of Health and Human services in Washington D.C.

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Hutchinson said he is very concerned because some of the unaccompanied minors who come across the border are being trafficked and abused. He said he hopes this will encourage the Biden administration to change its border policies.

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Arkansas is seeing an increase in the number of unaccompanied minors who Governor Asa Hutchinson said are living in dangerous conditions. During a news conference, Hutchinson said in the 12 month period ending in September, the government released 672 unaccompanied minors to sponsors in the state. He said many sponsors are not properly vetted or qualified to care for the minors, resulting in them living in what he said are “deplorable conditions.” Hutchinson criticized the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and said he will send a letter to the department secretary.

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Hutchinson said in the last month, seven minors were brought into DHS custody due to the lack of care from the sponsors.