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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1603

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By: Senator J. Woods

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO OBTAIN A COPY OF AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY; TO ALLOW THE USE OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF PATERNITY IN A DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT CASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO OBTAIN A COPY OF AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY; AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF PATERNITY IN A DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT CASE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-28-119(a)(3), concerning the definition of "information" for the purposes of a request of information by the Department of Human Services, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

- (3) "Information" means, without limitation, the following:
- (A) The full name of a parent, a putative father, or relative;
 - (B) The social security number of a parent or a putative father;
 - (C) The date of birth of a parent, a putative father, or relative;
 - (D) The last known mailing address and residential address



of a parent, a putative father, or relative; ~~and~~

(E) The amount of wages, salaries, earnings, or commissions earned by a parent or a putative father; and

(F) A certified copy of an acknowledgement of paternity;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-18-409, concerning an affidavit of paternity, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) The Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services may obtain a certified copy of a completed affidavit of paternity from the Division of Vital Records of the Arkansas Department of Health.

(B) The disclosure of the affidavit is exempted under § 20-18-304.

(2) Information obtained by the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section may be used in an action before a circuit court for the purpose of identifying a parent in a dependency-neglect proceeding under §9-27-303.

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