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A Bill

SENATE BILL 91

By: Senator A. Clark

By: Representative Sullivan

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF
SERVICES FOR CERTAIN PARENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
RESUMPTION OF SERVICES FOR CERTAIN
PARENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-369(a), concerning motions to resume services for a parent whose parental rights were previously terminated, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Department of Human Services or an attorney ad litem may file a motion to resume services for a parent whose parental rights were previously terminated under this subchapter if:

(1) The child:

(A) ~~Does not have a legal parent~~ Is currently in the custody of the department;

(B) Is not in an adoptive placement, a pre-adoptive placement, or under another permanent placement and there is some evidence that the juvenile is not likely to achieve permanency within a reasonable period of time as viewed from the child's perspective; or

(C) Was previously adopted, appointed a permanent guardian, or placed in the permanent custody of another individual and the adoption, guardianship, or custodial placement was disrupted or otherwise



dissolved; and

(2)(A) The order terminating the parental rights of the parent who is the subject of a motion filed under this section was entered at least three (3) years before the date on which the motion to resume services was filed.

(B) The three-year waiting period may be waived if it is in the best interest of the child.

/s/A. Clark

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