

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 88

By: Senator A. Clark

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS TO  
REINSTATE PARENTAL RIGHTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PETITIONS TO  
REINSTATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-370(a), concerning who may file a petition to reinstate the parental rights of a parent, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Department of Human Services ~~or~~, an attorney ad litem, or an attorney contracted with the Commission for Parent Counsel may file a petition to reinstate the parental rights of a parent whose parental rights have been terminated under this subchapter if the:

- (1) Court has granted a motion to resume services under § 9-27-369;
- (2) Services have continued for at least one hundred eighty (180) days following the date on which the court entered the order granting a motion to resume services under § 9-27-369; and
- (3) Parent for whom reinstatement of parental rights is sought has substantially complied with the orders of the court and with the case plan developed under § 9-27-369.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-370(c)(3), concerning persons who must be served with a petition to reinstate the parental rights of a parent, is



amended to read as follows:

(3) Parent who is the subject of the petition unless the petition is filed by an attorney contracted with the Commission for Parent Counsel;