

# Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 1676

TO PROHIBIT RE-HOMING OF A CHILD.

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### Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1676

Amend House Bill No. 1676 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete the Title in its entirety, and substitute the following:  
"AN ACT TO PROHIBIT RE-HOMING OF AN ADOPTED CHILD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Page 1, delete the Subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:  
"TO PROHIBIT RE-HOMING OF AN ADOPTED CHILD."

AND

Page 1, line 20, delete "a minor" and substitute "an adopted minor"

AND

Page 1, line 26, delete "a parent" and substitute "an adoptive parent"

AND

Page 1, line 27, delete "a minor" and substitute "an adopted minor"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "transferring, recruiting," and substitute  
"transferring, advertising, recruiting,"

AND

Page 2, delete line 28, and substitute the following:  
"within the official scope of his or her duties."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(2), concerning the definition of  
"abandonment" for the Arkansas Juvenile Code, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) "Abandonment" means:

~~(A)~~(i) The failure of the parent to provide



reasonable support for a juvenile and to maintain regular contact with a juvenile through statement or contact when the failure is accompanied by an intention on the part of the parent to permit the condition to continue for an indefinite period in the future;

~~(B)~~(ii) The failure of a parent to support or maintain regular contact with a child without just cause; or

~~(C)~~(iii) An articulated intent to forego parental responsibility.

(B) "Abandonment" does not include a situation in which a child has disrupted his or her adoption and the adoptive parent has exhausted the available resources;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(25)(A), concerning the definition of "family services" for the Arkansas Juvenile Code, is amended to read as follows:

(25)(A) "Family services" means relevant services provided to a juvenile or his or her family, including, but not limited to:

- (i) Child care;
- (ii) Homemaker services;
- (iii) Crisis counseling;
- (iv) Cash assistance;
- (v) Transportation;
- (vi) Family therapy;
- (vii) Physical, psychiatric, or psychological

evaluation;

- (viii) Counseling; ~~or~~
- (ix) Treatment; or
- (x) Post-adoptive services.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 12-18-103(1), concerning the definition of "abandonment" for the Child Maltreatment Act, is amended to read as follows:

(1)(A) "Abandonment" means:

(i) The failure of a parent to provide reasonable support and to maintain regular contact with a child through statement or contact when the failure is accompanied by an intention on the part of the parent to permit the condition to continue for an indefinite period in the future or the failure of a parent to support or maintain regular contact with a child without just cause; or

(ii) An articulated intent to forego parental responsibility.

(B) "Abandonment" does not include:

(i) acts Acts or omissions of a parent toward a married minor; or

(ii) A situation in which a child has disrupted his or her adoption and the adoptive parent has exhausted the available resources;

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 12-18-309 is amended to read as follows:

12-18-309. Reports alleging that a child is disrupting his or her adoption or dependent.

The Child Abuse Hotline shall accept telephone calls or other communications alleging that a child is at risk of disrupting or has

disrupted his or her adoption or that a child is a dependent juvenile, as defined in § 9-27-303, and shall immediately refer this information to the Department of Human Services."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Representative D. Meeks

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Chief Clerk