

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

# A Bill

ACT 1085 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1302

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5 By: Representative Pollan  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 9-27-311 TO ADD  
10 LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY THAT A SIBLING GROUP OF CHILDREN SHALL  
11 BE INCLUDED IN A SINGLE PETITION FOR DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT OF  
12 THE CHILDREN OR IN A SINGLE PETITION FOR FAMILY IN NEED OF  
13 SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

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16 "TO CLARIFY THAT A SIBLING GROUP OF  
17 CHILDREN SHALL BE INCLUDED IN A SINGLE  
18 PETITION FOR DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT OF THE  
19 CHILDREN OR IN A SINGLE PETITION FOR  
20 FAMILY IN NEED OF SERVICES"  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated 9-27-311(a), pertaining to petitions  
25 for dependency-neglect and family in need of services, is amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 "(a) The petition shall set forth the following:

28 (1) The name, address, gender, and date of birth of ~~the juvenile~~  
29 each juvenile subject of the petition. A single petition for  
30 dependency-neglect or family in need of services shall be filed which includes  
31 all siblings who are subjects of the petition;

32 (2) The name and address of each of the parents or the surviving  
33 parent of the juvenile or juveniles;

34 (3) The name and address of the person, agency, or institution  
35 having custody of the juvenile or juveniles;

36 (4) The name and address of any other person, agency, or

1 institution having a claim to custody or guardianship of the juvenile or  
2 juveniles; and

3 (5) In a proceeding to establish paternity, the name and address  
4 of both the putative father and the presumed legal father, if any."

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6 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
7 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
8 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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10 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
11 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
12 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
13 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
14 act are declared to be severable.

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16 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
17 hereby repealed.

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