

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2099

5 By: Representative Clemmer
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO IMPROVE ADOPTION PROCEDURES IN
10 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 AN ACT TO IMPROVE ADOPTION PROCEDURES IN
14 ARKANSAS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1 is amended*
20 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

21 *9-9-104. Adoption information collection.*

22 *(a) The General Assembly finds that:*

23 *(1) There is a need for more information on adoptions that occur*
24 *in Arkansas;*

25 *(2) No governmental agency has the responsibility for gathering*
26 *information on Arkansas adoptions; and*

27 *(3) Without adequate data, the General Assembly cannot make*
28 *informed decisions regarding changes that may need to be made to adoption*
29 *laws.*

30 *(b) The Office of Chief Counsel of the Department of Human Services*
31 *shall prepare an adoption information sheet and shall distribute the*
32 *information sheet to each of the circuit clerks in the state for distribution*
33 *to each petitioner seeking to file an adoption pleading in the state.*

34 *(c) Before the entry of an interlocutory or final decree of adoption,*
35 *the petitioner shall complete the adoption information sheet and return it to*



1 the clerk.

2 (d) The clerk shall mail the completed form to the Office of Chief
3 Counsel of the Department of Human Services.

4 (e) The adoption information sheet shall include without limitation:

5 (1) The age of the minor to be adopted;

6 (2) The state in which the minor was born;

7 (3) The state in which the minor resided before the adoption;

8 (4) The state of residence of the birth mother;

9 (5) The age of the each adoptive parent;

10 (6) The state in which each adoptive parent resides;

11 (7) Whether the adoption placement was made by a licensed
12 Arkansas adoption agency and if so, the name of the agency;

13 (8) Whether the adoption placement was made by:

14 (A) A private physician;

15 (B) A private attorney; or

16 (C) An out-of-state entity or individual;

17 (9) Whether the adoptive parents are married or single;

18 (10) Whether the adoptive parent is a stepparent or second-
19 parent adoptive parent;

20 (11) Whether the adoptive parent is a family member of the minor
21 child; and

22 (12) An approximate amount for costs paid by the petitioner in
23 the adoption.

24 (f) Personally identifiable information regarding the child to be
25 adopted or regarding an adoptive parent shall not be requested or gathered on
26 the adoption information sheet.

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28 /s/ Clemmer

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30 **APPROVED: 4/9/2009**