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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROMOTE ADOPTION IN ARKANSAS BY PROTECTING
10 THE PRIVACY OF THE RELINQUISHING PARENT; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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16 TO PROMOTE ADOPTION IN ARKANSAS BY
17 PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF THE
18 RELINQUISHING PARENT.

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

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*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-34-202(b), concerning the delivery of a
23 child to a medical provider or law enforcement agency, is amended to read as
24 follows:*

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*(b)(1) A medical provider or law enforcement agency that takes
26 possession of a child under subsection (a) of this section shall perform any
27 act necessary to protect the physical health and safety of the child.*

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*(2) A medical provider or law enforcement agency shall keep the
29 identity of a parent who relinquishes a child under this section confidential
30 and shall not release or otherwise make the identity of the parent available
31 except to a:*

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*(A) Law enforcement agency investigating abuse or neglect
33 of the child that was committed before the child was delivered to the medical
34 provider or law enforcement agency; or*

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*(B) Prosecuting attorney pursuing charges against a parent
36 for abuse or neglect of the child that was committed before the child was*



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/s/J. Edwards

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