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2	82nd General Assembly	A DIII	Act 1229 of 1999
3	Regular Session, 1999		HOUSE BILL 2063
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5	By: Representative Carson		
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7		For An Act To Be Entitled	
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN	ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	KANSAS:
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26	SECTION 1. Arkans	as Code 9-9-224 is amended to rea	ad as follows:
27	"9-9-224. Child born to unmarried mother.		
28	In all cases involving a child born to a mother unmarried at the time of the		
29	child's birth, the following procedure shall apply:		
30	(a) Upon filing of the petition for adoption and prior to the entry of		
31	a decree for adoption a certified statement shall be obtained from the		
32	putative father registry stating:		
33	(1) The information contained in the registry in regard to the		
34	child who is the subject of the adoption; or		
35	(2) That no information is contained in the registry at the time		
36	the petition for adoptio	n was filed.	

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1	$\frac{a}{b}$ When information concerning the child is contained in the		
2	putative father registry at the time of the filing of the petition <u>for</u>		
3	adoption, notice of the adoption proceedings a copy of the petition shall be		
4	served on the registrant unless waived by the registrant in writing signed		
5	before a notary public. All confidential information regarding the adoptive		
6	parents and the child to be adopted shall be removed from the notice prior to		
7	being served to the registrant. Service of notice under this section shall be		
8	given in accordance with the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure, except that		
9	notice by publication shall not be required.		
10	$\frac{\text{(b)}(c)}{\text{(c)}}$ Upon receipt of notice, the registrant, if he wishes to appear		
11	and be heard, shall file a responsive pleading within the time limits set in		
12	the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure.		
13	(c) Prior to the entry of a final decree of adoption or before an		
14	interlocutory decree of adoption shall become final, a certified statement		
15	shall be obtained from the putative father registry of:		
16	(1) The information contained in the registry in regards to the		
17	child which is the subject of the adoption; or		
18	(2) The fact that no information was contained in the registry at the time		
19	the petition was filed."		
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21	SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature		
22	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code		
23	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.		
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25	SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to		
26	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect		
27	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without		
28	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this		
29	act are declared to be severable.		
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31	SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are		
32	hereby repealed.		
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35	APPROVED: 4/8/1999		
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