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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-62-102(d), pertaining to wrongful death
28 actions, is amended to read as follows:
29 (d) The beneficiaries of the action created in this section are:
30 <u>(1) the The</u> surviving spouse, children, father and mother,
brothers and sisters of the deceased person $\frac{1}{r}$
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1	Section 2. Arkansas Code 16-62-102 is amended to add an additional
2	subsection to read as follows:
3	(i) It is not the responsibility of the personal representative of a
4	deceased person to locate anyone in loco parentis that is not known to the
5	personal representative to be in loco parentis to the deceased person.
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7	SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
8	Assembly that under current interpretation of present law certain persons who
9	were financially dependent on a deceased person are, because of age, excluded
10	from being the beneficiary of a wrongful death action; that the current
11	interpretation is inequitable; that this act cures the inequity; and that this
12	act should go into effect as soon as possible so that such persons hereafter
13	will be included as beneficiaries of any wrongful death claim. Therefore, an
14	emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for
15	the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective
16	on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved
17	nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
18	period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
19	vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
20	on the date the last house overrides the veto.
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