

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
91st General Assembly - Regular Session, 2017  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 15**

TO AMEND PROVISIONS CONCERNING JUVENILE COURTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 15**

Amend Senate Bill No. 15 as originally introduced:

Delete SECTION 1 in its entirety

AND

Delete SECTION 2 in its entirety

AND

Page 3, delete lines 24 and 25, and substitute the following:

"(a)(1)(B)(i) of this section is presumed to be a fit parent.

(iii)(a) If no prior court order has been entered into evidence concerning custody or visitation with the noncustodial parent of the juvenile subject to the dependency-neglect petition, the petitioner shall, and any party may, provide evidence to the court whether the noncustodial parent is unfit for purposes of custody or visitation.

(b) The petitioner shall provide evidence as to whether the noncustodial parent contributed to the dependency-neglect.

(iv)(a) The court may transfer temporary custody or permanent custody to the noncustodial parent after a review of evidence and a finding that it is in the best interest of the juvenile to transfer custody, or the court may order visitation with the noncustodial parent.

(b) An order of transfer of custody to the noncustodial parent does not relieve the Department of Human Services of the responsibility to provide services to the parent from whom custody was removed, unless the court enters an order to relieve the department of the responsibility."

AND

Page 3, line 26, delete "~~(ii)~~(iii)" and substitute "~~(ii)~~(v)"

AND



Page 3, delete lines 31 through 34

AND

Page 4, line 35, delete "imminent"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 15 through 19, and substitute the following:

"toward alleviating or mitigating the causes of the out-of-home placement;

(iii) Whether the juvenile should be returned to his or her parent or parents and whether or not the juvenile's health and safety can be protected by his or her parent or parents if returned home; and

(iv) An appropriate permanency plan ~~pursuant to~~"

AND

Delete SECTION 7 in its entirety

AND

Delete SECTION 8 in its entirety

AND

Delete SECTION 9 in its entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator A. Clark

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Secretary