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A Bill

SENATE BILL 858

5 By: Senator Madison
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO ENSURE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF NOTICE AND
9 TO REQUIRE THAT PUTATIVE FATHERS BE PROVIDED NOTICE
10 BEFORE AN ADOPTION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND
11 PROVISIONS OF THE ADOPTION CODE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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15 **Subtitle**

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-9-212(a)(4), concerning hearings on
26 adoption petitions, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
27 follows:

28 (4) At least twenty (20) days before the date of hearing, notice
29 of the filing of the petition and of the time and place of hearing shall be
30 given by the petitioner to:

31 (A) Any agency or person whose consent to the adoption is
32 required by this subchapter but who has not consented; ~~and~~

33 (B) A person whose consent is dispensed with upon any
34 ground mentioned in § 9-9-207(a)(1), (2), (6), (8), and (9)+; and

35 (C) Any putative father who has signed an acknowledgement
36 of paternity or has registered with the state's Putative Father Registry.



