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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO PROMOTE ADOPTION IN ARKANSAS BY PROTECTING

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THE PRIVACY OF THE RELINQUISHING PARENT; AND FOR

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OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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22 *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:*

25 *(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.*

28 *(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:*

32 *(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*

35 *(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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