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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1603

5 By: Representative Brown
6 By: Senator J. Woods
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO
10 OBTAIN A COPY OF AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY; TO
11 ALLOW THE USE OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF PATERNITY IN A
12 DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT CASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES TO OBTAIN A COPY OF AN
17 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY; AND TO
18 ALLOW THE USE OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF
19 PATERNITY IN A DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT CASE.
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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 § 9-28-119(a)(3), concerning the definition
26 of "information" for the purposes of a request of information by the
27 Department of Human Services, is amended to add an additional subdivision to
28 read as follows:

29 (3) "Information" means, without limitation, the following:

30 (A) The full name of a parent, a putative father, or
31 relative;

32 (B) The social security number of a parent or a putative
33 father;

34 (C) The date of birth of a parent, a putative father, or
35 relative;

36 (D) The last known mailing address and residential address



1 of a parent, a putative father, or relative; ~~and~~

2 (E) The amount of wages, salaries, earnings, or
3 commissions earned by a parent or a putative father; and

4 (F) A certified copy of an acknowledgement of paternity;

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-18-409, concerning an affidavit of
7 paternity, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

8 (c)(1)(A) The Division of Children and Family Services of the
9 Department of Human Services may obtain a certified copy of a completed
10 affidavit of paternity from the Division of Vital Records of the Arkansas
11 Department of Health.

12 (B) The disclosure of the affidavit is exempted under §
13 20-18-304.

14 (2) Information obtained by the Division of Children and Family
15 Services of the Department of Human Services under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of
16 this section may be used in an action before a circuit court for the purpose
17 of identifying a parent in a dependency-neglect proceeding under §9-27-303.

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20 **APPROVED: 03/18/2015**