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A Bill

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6 By: Representative D. Altes

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8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

9
10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A PARENT
11 WHO CHOOSES TO STAY AT HOME WITH HIS OR HER YOUNG
12 CHILD; TO PROVIDE FOR FAMILY PRESERVATION; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A
17 PARENT WHO CHOOSES TO STAY AT HOME WITH
18 HIS OR HER YOUNG CHILD.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 26, Chapter 51, Subchapter 5 is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 26-51-515. Family preservation.

27 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide families with
28 financial assistance and monetary incentives to help one (1) parent stay at
29 home with the family's children in the nuclear family atmosphere. This
30 assistance will help the citizens of Arkansas preserve their family structure
31 and allow their children to be reared without relying on outside child care
32 or day care. The General Assembly is providing a family preservation
33 incentive by creating an income tax credit for a taxpayer with a dependent
34 child four (4) years of age or younger. The General Assembly finds that this
35 incentive will reduce the occurrence of juvenile crime, the need for
36 discipline in the public schools, and the number of people sentenced to

1 prisons in Arkansas by strengthening the family.

2 (b) A taxpayer is allowed an income tax credit of one thousand dollars
3 (\$1,000) against the income tax imposed by the Income Tax Act of 1929, § 26-
4 51-101 et seq., if:

5 (1) The taxpayer has a dependent child who is four (4) years of
6 age or younger any time during the tax year;

7 (2) The taxpayer's spouse is not employed at any time during the
8 tax year for which the income tax credit is claimed; and

9 (3) The taxpayer's spouse is not a full-time student enrolled in
10 a high school, college, university, vocational-technical school, or community
11 college at any time during the tax year for which the income tax credit is
12 claimed.

13 (c) To qualify for the income tax credit under this section, the
14 taxpayer's adjusted gross income shall not exceed thirty-two thousand dollars
15 (\$32,000) in the tax year for which the income tax credit is claimed.

16 (d) The amount of the income tax credit under this section that may be
17 claimed by the taxpayer in a tax year shall not exceed the amount of income
18 tax due by the taxpayer.

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20 SECTION 2. This act is effective for tax years beginning on or after
21 January 1, 2013.

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