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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative D. Altes

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pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A
PARENT WHO CHOOSES TO STAY AT HOME WITH
HIS OR HER YOUNG CHILD.

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

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

26-51-515. Family preservation.

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

prisons in Arkansas by strengthening the family.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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