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2 80th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1995  
4 By: Representatives J. Smith and Bennett

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1846

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## 7 For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-26-502(a) TO PROVIDE  
9 THAT THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF INTERFERENCE WITH CUSTODY  
10 SHALL INCLUDE TAKING, ENTHICING, OR KEEPING A MINOR FROM  
11 THE UNMARRIED MOTHER OF THE MINOR IF THE MOTHER HAS LEGAL  
12 CUSTODY UNDER ARK. CODE ANN. § 9-10-113(a); AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES."

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## 15 Subtitle

16 "PROVIDING THAT THE OFFENSE OF  
17 INTERFERENCE WITH CUSTODY INCLUDES  
18 TAKING MINORS FROM UNMARRIED MOTHERS WHO  
19 HAVE CUSTODY UNDER A.C.A. § 9-10-  
20 113(a)."

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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 Annotated § 5-26-502(a) is hereby amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 "(a) A person commits the offense of interference with custody if,  
27 knowing that he or she has no lawful right to do so, he or she takes,  
28 entices, or keeps any minor from any person entitled under Ark. Code Ann. §  
29 9-10-113(a) or by a court decree or order to the right of custody of the  
30 minor."

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32 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
33 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
34 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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1           SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
5 act are declared to be severable.

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7           SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
8 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. J. Smith, et al*

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