

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 304

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5 By: Senator Hopkins  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 9-14-237 (a) TO CLARIFY  
10 THAT THE COURT MAY ORDER CHILD SUPPORT EVEN AFTER CHILD  
11 SUPPORT HAS AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE COURT MAY  
16 ORDER CHILD SUPPORT EVEN AFTER CHILD  
17 SUPPORT HAS AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED."  
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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 9-14-237 (a) is amended to read as follows:

23 (a)(1) An obligor's duty to pay child support for a child shall  
24 automatically terminate by operation of law when the child reaches eighteen  
25 (18) years of age or should have graduated from high school, whichever is  
26 later, or when the child is emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
27 marries, or dies, unless the court order for child support specifically  
28 extends child support after each circumstances. *This section shall not*  
29 *prohibit the court, prior to automatic termination of child support under this*  
30 *section, from ordering child support to a date beyond the automatic*  
31 *termination date. If child support has automatically terminated under this*  
32 *subsection the court may reinstate child support for a period not to exceed*  
33 *one (1) year if the child is less than twenty (20) years of age at the time*  
34 *the order is issued and the court determines that the child has lost three (3)*  
35 *or more of the following: left eye, right eye, left arm, right arm, left leg,*  
36 *right leg, left hand, right hand, left foot, right foot, left ear, or right*

1 ear.

2 (2) Provided, however, that any unpaid child support  
3 obligations owed under a judgment or in arrearage pursuant to a child support  
4 order shall be satisfied pursuant to § 9-14-235. ~~§~~

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

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

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

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19 /s/Hopkins

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