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A Bill

SENATE BILL 508

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 9-14-237(a) TO
10 PROVIDE FOR POST-MINORITY CHILD SUPPORT TO ASSIST A CHILD
11 IN PURSUING AN EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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14 "TO PROVIDE FOR POST-MINORITY CHILD
15 SUPPORT TO ASSIST A CHILD IN PURSUING AN
16 EDUCATION"
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 9-14-237(a) is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "(a)(1) An obligor's duty to pay child support for a child shall
23 automatically terminate by operation of law when the child reaches eighteen
24 (18) years of age or should have graduated from high school, whichever is
25 later, or when the child is emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction,
26 marries, or dies, unless the court order for child support specifically
27 extends child support after such circumstances.

28 (2) Post-minority child support may be imposed by the court to
29 assist a child who reaches eighteen (18) years of age and plans on pursuing a
30 vocational or college educational degree if the court is convinced the child
31 has the willingness and the ability to attend such an institution. Before the
32 court may order post-minority child support for educational purposes, the
33 court shall be convinced that:

34 (A) The child has the willingness and ability to attend a
35 vocational or college institution; and

36 (B) The parents have the financial means to support the

1 childs expenses without undue hardship.

2 Provided, however, if the child has shown a willful estrangement from
3 either or both parents, the court may decline to impose additional support.

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

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

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

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

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