

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1804

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5 By: Representative Carson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE 16-13-304(d) REGARDING
10 THE POWER OF CHANCERY COURTS TO TERMINATE PARENTAL
11 RIGHTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 (d) REGARDING THE POWER OF CHANCERY
16 COURTS TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 16-13-304(d) is repealed.

22 ~~(d)(1) Chancery courts shall have the power to terminate parental~~
23 ~~rights in matters properly before the chancery court, except when the parties~~
24 ~~to the chancery court action are also parties to a juvenile division of~~
25 ~~chancery court action; then the juvenile division of chancery court shall have~~
26 ~~exclusive jurisdiction over termination of parental rights.~~

27 ~~(2) In all proceedings involving the termination of parental~~
28 ~~rights before the chancery court, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem~~
29 ~~to represent the best interest of the juvenile and to advocate for the~~
30 ~~juvenile's articulated wishes.~~
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