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	As Engrossed: H2/20/03		
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3	Regular Session, 2003		HOUSE BILL	1469
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5	By: Representatives Green,	Edwards, Harris, Key, Norton, Oglesby, Penix, C.	. Taylor, Walters, Wo	od
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12	FOR OT	HER PURPOSES.		
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:			
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23	SECTION 1. In	an action for divorce, or other proce	eeding, when	
24	determining custody or visitation of a minor child, the court may consider			
25	the child's preferent	tial desire regarding issues of custo	<u>dy or visitation</u>	, if
26	the child is of sufficient age of comprehension, regardless of chronological			
27	age, and the child's	preferences are based on sound reason	<u>n.</u>	
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