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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1397

By: Representative Hoyt

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE OBLIGATION TO PAY CHILD  
SUPPORT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO EXTEND THE OBLIGATION TO PAY CHILD  
SUPPORT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-14-237(a), concerning the automatic termination of an obligation to pay child support, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Unless a court order for child support specifically extends child support after these circumstances, an obligor's duty to pay child support for a child shall automatically terminate by operation of law:

(A)(i) When the child reaches eighteen (18) years of age ~~or should have graduated from high school, whichever is later~~ unless the child is still attending high school.

(ii) If the child is still attending high school, upon the child's high school graduation or the end of the school year after the child reaches nineteen (19) years of age, whichever is earlier;

(B) When the child:

(i) Is emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction;

(ii) Marries; or

(iii) Dies; or



1                   (C) Upon the marriage of the parents of the child to each  
2 other.

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