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A Bill

SENATE BILL 202

5 By: Senator J. Taylor
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS;
9 TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION BEFORE A CUSTODIAL PARENT
10 RELOCATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF NONCUSTODIAL
15 PARENTS; TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION BEFORE A
16 CUSTODIAL PARENT RELOCATES.
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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 Title 9, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 9-13-111. Noncustodial parent rights -- Custodial parent relocation.

24 (a) As used in this section:

25 (1) "Custodial parent" means the parent granted primary custody
26 of a minor child by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction; and

27 (2) "Noncustodial parent" means a parent granted visitation
28 rights to a minor child by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

29 (b) A noncustodial parent is entitled to frequent and continuing
30 contact parenting time with his or her minor child in order to maintain a
31 quality parent-child relationship unless the court finds, after a hearing,
32 that continued contact with the noncustodial parent will endanger the child's
33 physical, mental, moral, or emotional health.

34 (c)(1) If the custodial parent wishes to relocate outside the state he
35 or she shall notify the noncustodial parent in writing by certified mail, at
36 least sixty (60) days before relocating with the child.



