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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2010

By: Representative J. Edwards

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE ADOPTION IN ARKANSAS BY PROTECTING
THE PRIVACY OF THE RELINQUISHING PARENT; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROMOTE ADOPTION IN ARKANSAS BY
PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF THE
RELINQUISHING PARENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-34-202(b), concerning the delivery of a child to a medical provider or law enforcement agency, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A medical provider or law enforcement agency that takes possession of a child under subsection (a) of this section shall perform any act necessary to protect the physical health and safety of the child.

(2) A medical provider or law enforcement agency shall keep the identity of a parent who relinquishes a child under this section confidential and shall not release or otherwise make the identity of the parent available except to a:

(A) Law enforcement agency investigating abuse or neglect of the child that was committed before the child was delivered to the medical provider or law enforcement agency; or

(B) Prosecuting attorney pursuing charges against a parent for abuse or neglect of the child that was committed before the child was delivered to the medical provider or law enforcement agency.



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