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## 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.

/s/J. Edwards