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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM CAN PAY A SURVIVOR BENEFIT TO A MINOR WITHOUT A GUARDIANSHIP REQUIRED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

> Subtitle
> TO CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM CAN PAY A SURVIVOR BENEFIT TO A MINOR WITHOUT A GUARDIANSHIP REQUIRED.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-26-207(c), concerning the transfer of property to minors, is amended to read as follows:
(c)(1) If ne a custodian has not been nominated under § 9-26-203, or all persons so nominated as custodian custodians die before the transfer or are unable, decline, or are ineligible to serve as a custodian, a transfer under this section may be made to an adult member of the minor's family or to a trust company unless the property exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in value except as provided under subdivision (c)(2) of this section.
(2) A survivor benefit due a minor by the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System under § 24-7-710(c) may be paid to an adult member of the minor's family who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age or a trust company unless the value of the survivor benefit exceeds five hundred thousand dollars $(\$ 500,000)$.
(3) The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System is not liable for any
misuse of funds paid to an adult member of the minor's family who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age on behalf of a minor under subdivision (c)(2) of this section.

