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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1603

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO  
10 OBTAIN A COPY OF AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY; TO  
11 ALLOW THE USE OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF PATERNITY IN A  
12 DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT CASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 SERVICES TO OBTAIN A COPY OF AN  
17 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PATERNITY; AND TO  
18 ALLOW THE USE OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF  
19 PATERNITY IN A DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT CASE.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-28-119(a)(3), concerning the definition  
26 of "information" for the purposes of a request of information by the  
27 Department of Human Services, is amended to add an additional subdivision to  
28 read as follows:

29 (3) "Information" means, without limitation, the following:

30 (A) The full name of a parent, a putative father, or  
31 relative;

32 (B) The social security number of a parent or a putative  
33 father;

34 (C) The date of birth of a parent, a putative father, or  
35 relative;

36 (D) The last known mailing address and residential address



1 of a parent, a putative father, or relative; ~~and~~

2 (E) The amount of wages, salaries, earnings, or  
 3 commissions earned by a parent or a putative father; and

4 (F) A certified copy of an acknowledgement of paternity;  
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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-18-409, concerning an affidavit of  
 7 paternity, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

8 (c)(1)(A) The Division of Children and Family Services of the  
 9 Department of Human Services may obtain a certified copy of a completed  
 10 affidavit of paternity from the Division of Vital Records of the Arkansas  
 11 Department of Health.

12 (B) The disclosure of the affidavit is exempted under §  
 13 20-18-304.

14 (2) Information obtained by the Division of Children and Family  
 15 Services of the Department of Human Services under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of  
 16 this section may be used in an action before a circuit court for the purpose  
 17 of identifying a parent in a dependency-neglect proceeding under §9-27-303.  
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