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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1648

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5 By: Representative Leding

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE TRANSFERS OF ADOPTED
9 CHILDREN EXCEPT TO RELATIVES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE TRANSFERS OF ADOPTED
14 CHILDREN EXCEPT TO RELATIVES.

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

19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 27, Subchapter 2, is amended
20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 5-27-211. Private adoption transfers.

22 (a) As used in this section, "relative" means a person within the
23 fifth degree of kinship by virtue of blood or adoption.

24 (b) Unless a court of competent jurisdiction orders the transfer, a
25 person shall not:

26 (1) Transfer custody of a child for the purpose of permanently
27 transferring physical custody of the child to a person who is not a relative
28 of the child;

29 (2) Send a child out of this state or bring a child into this
30 state for the purpose of permanently transferring physical custody of the
31 child to a person who is not a relative of the child; or

32 (3) Cause a child to be sent out of this state or brought into
33 this state for the purpose of permanently transferring physical custody of
34 the child to a person who is not a relative of the child.

35 (c) A violation of this section is a:

36 (1) Class D felony for a first offense;



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(2) Class C felony for a second offense; and
(3) Class B felony for a third or subsequence offense.