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A Bill

SENATE BILL 91

5 By: Senator A. Clark
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF
9 SERVICES FOR CERTAIN PARENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

10 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE
11 RESUMPTION OF SERVICES FOR CERTAIN
12 PARENTS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-369(a), concerning motions to resume*
21 *services for a parent whose parental rights were previously terminated, is*
22 *amended to read as follows:*

23 *(a) The Department of Human Services or an attorney ad litem may file*
24 *a motion to resume services for a parent whose parental rights were*
25 *previously terminated under this subchapter if:*

26 (1) The child:

27 (A) ~~Does not have a legal parent~~ Is currently in the
28 custody of the department;

29 (B) Is not in an adoptive placement, a pre-adoptive
30 placement, or under another permanent placement and there is some evidence
31 that the juvenile is not likely to achieve permanency within a reasonable
32 period of time as viewed from the child's perspective; or

33 (C) Was previously adopted, appointed a permanent
34 guardian, or placed in the permanent custody of another individual and the
35 adoption, guardianship, or custodial placement was disrupted or otherwise
36 dissolved; and



1 (2)(A) The order terminating the parental rights of the parent
2 who is the subject of a motion filed under this section was entered at least
3 three (3) years before the date on which the motion to resume services was
4 filed.

5 (B) The three-year waiting period may be waived if it is
6 in the best interest of the child.

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