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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 91

5 By: Senator A. Clark  
6 By: Representative Sullivan  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
15 RESUMPTION OF SERVICES FOR CERTAIN  
16 PARENTS.

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-27-369(a), concerning motions to resume  
22 services for a parent whose parental rights were previously terminated, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

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

27 (1) The child:

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

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

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



1 dissolved; and

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

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

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*/s/A. Clark*

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