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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1153

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WHAT CONSTITUTES
9 AGGRAVATED CIRCUMSTANCES SUFFICIENT FOR THE ENTRY OF
10 AN ORDER TERMINATING REUNIFICATION SERVICES IN A
11 DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT PROCEEDING; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 DEPENDENCY-NEGLECT PROCEEDING.
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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 § 9-27-365(c)(2)(A), concerning what
26 constitutes aggravated circumstances sufficient for a circuit court to enter
27 an order terminating reunification services in a dependency-neglect
28 proceeding, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

29 (viii) A determination by a circuit judge that a
30 parent has engaged in habitual drug use that has been a contributing factor
31 to a child being removed from the custody of the parent and placed in foster
32 care or the custody of another person three (3) or more times during the
33 child's life.
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