

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 562

4
5 By: Senator A. Clark
6 By: Representative Gazaway

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT
10 ARREARAGES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INCARCERATION
11 OF A PARENT WHO WAS ORDERED TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 SUPPORT.

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-14-233(e) and (f), concerning
24 incarceration of a parent obligated to pay child support, is amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (e) If the obligated parent who is not incapacitated willfully refuses
27 to pay past due support, ~~or~~ willfully refuses to engage in work activities,
28 or willfully refuses to seek work activities as ordered by the court, the
29 court may order the obligated parent to be incarcerated.

30 (f) In any action brought for the enforcement of a child support
31 obligation, whenever the court orders an obligated parent to be incarcerated
32 for willful failure to obey a previous order, the court may further direct
33 that the obligated parent be temporarily released from confinement to engage
34 in work activity upon such terms and conditions as the court deems just.

35 APPROVED: 4/12/23

