

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 92 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1107

5 By: Representative Verkamp
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 9-13-101(b)
10 TO CLARIFY THAT JOINT CUSTODY OF A CHILD IS ONE
11 ALTERNATIVE TO ASSURE CONTINUING CONTACT WITH
12 BOTH PARENTS AFTER DIVORCE; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CLARIFY THAT JOINT CUSTODY IS ONE
16 ALTERNATIVE TO ASSURE CONTINUING CONTACT
17 WITH BOTH PARENTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-13-101(b), regarding the award of custody
23 of a minor child, is amended to read as follows:

24 (b)(1)(A) When in the best interests of a child, custody shall be
25 awarded in such a way so as to assure the frequent and continuing contact of
26 the child with both parents.

27 (B) To this effect, in making an order for custody, the
28 court may consider awarding joint custody of a child to the parents.

29 (2) If a grandparent meets the requirements of subdivisions
30 (a)(1) and (2)(B) of this section and is a party to the proceedings, the
31 circuit court may consider the continuing contact between the child and a
32 grandparent who is a party, and the circuit court may consider orders to
33 assure the continuing contact between the grandparent and the child.

34 (3) To this effect, in making an order for custody, the court
35 may consider, among other facts, which party is more likely to allow the
36 child or children frequent and continuing contact with the noncustodial



1 parent and the noncustodial grandparent who meets the requirements of
2 subdivisions (a)(1) and (2)(B) of this section.

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