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By: Senator Gordon

SENATE BILL 357

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF CHILDREN TO THEIR LAWFUL CUSTODIAN AND TO REQUIRE PAYMENT OF THE ASSOCIATED EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Return of child to lawful custodian. (a) In all cases where a person(s) is found guilty of the offenses of interference with visitation (Ark. Stat. Ann. §41-2415, interference with custody (Ark. Stat. Ann. §41-2416), or permanent detention or restraint (Ark. Stat. Ann. §41-1706) where the victim is a child, the court may order the child to be returned to the parent or lawful custodian from whom the child was concealed, detained, or removed.

(b) In addition to any sentence imposed the court may assess against the guilty party or parties any reasonable expense incurred in searching for or returning the child.

SECTION 2. Definition. For the purposes of this Act, a "child" is any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

