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Honorable Mike Beebe
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Dear Senator Beebe:

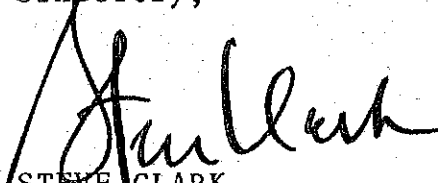
This letter is in response to your September 16, 1985 request wherein you posed the following question:

Is Act 989 of 1985 concerning child support collection techniques applicable to proceedings initiated under Ark. Stat. §34-701 et. seq., with respect to bastardy, paternity proceedings for support and custody of children, etc?

The answer is No for the following reason. Ark. Stat. §34-1211 et. seq., (Act 989 of 1985) applies only to proceedings before the Chancery Court. Ark. Stat. §34-701 et. seq. (bastardy) applies only to bastardy proceedings before a county court. There is no provision authorizing the county courts to adopt or use the collection procedure authorized in §34-1211 et. seq.

The foregoing opinion, which I hereby approve, was prepared by Assistant Attorney General Charles R. Lucas.

Sincerely,



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