

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

ACT 1200 OF 1997
HOUSE BILL 1939

5 *By: Representatives Bush, Cook, Pollan, and McGinnis*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 27-16-701(d) TO CLARIFY
10 THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BEING ISSUED DRIVER LICENSES
11 MUST PRESENT PROOF OF THEIR GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THE
12 LATEST SEMESTER OR SIMILAR EQUIVALENT PERMANENT GRADING
13 PERIOD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

15 "TO CLARIFY THAT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
16 ISSUED DRIVER LICENSES MUST PRESENT
17 PROOF OF THEIR GRADE AVERAGE FOR THE
18 LAST SEMESTER OR EQUIVALENT PERMANENT
19 GRADING PERIOD."
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-16-701(d), regarding requirements for
25 high school students in applying for driver licenses or instruction permit, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "(d) Every application for an instruction permit or for a driver's
28 license by a person less than eighteen (18) years old on October 1 of any year
29 shall be accompanied by:

30 (1)(A) Proof of receipt of a high school diploma or its
31 equivalent or enrollment and regular attendance in an adult education program
32 or a public, private, or parochial school.

33 (i) A In order to be issued a license, a student
34 enrolled in school shall present proof of a C average for the previous
35 semester or similar equivalent grading period for which grades are recorded as
36 part of the student's permanent record ~~in order to be issued a license.~~

1 (ii) A student with disabilities receiving special
2 education or related services or a student enrolled in an adult education
3 program shall present proof that the student is successfully completing his
4 individual education plan in order to be issued a license.

5 (B) Regular attendance in a school shall be attendance in
6 compliance with the established written policy of the school district or
7 school concerning truancy.

8 (C) Regular attendance in an adult education program shall
9 be attendance in compliance with the policy for sixteen (16) and seventeen
10 (17) year olds established by the State Board of Vocational Education as
11 provided for in § 6-18-222;

12 (2)(A) Proof that such person is being provided schooling at home
13 as described in § 6-15-501 et seq. in the form of a notarized copy of the
14 written notice of intent to home school the student provided by the parent or
15 guardian to the superintendent of the local school district as required by §
16 6-15-503.

17 ~~_____ (B) A student enrolled in a home school shall present proof~~
18 ~~that he is successfully completing his course of study as required by §§ 6-15-~~
19 ~~504 and 6-15-505 in order to be issued a license.~~

20 ~~_____ (C)(i) If the student becomes eligible for a license before~~
21 ~~taking the annual achievement test for that school year, he may be issued a~~
22 ~~temporary license either upon the presentation of satisfactory test results~~
23 ~~from the previous school year or, if the student was not enrolled in a home~~
24 ~~school during the previous school year, proof of satisfactory progress in the~~
25 ~~public or private school in which he was last enrolled.~~

26 ~~_____ (ii) The temporary license shall expire upon the next~~
27 ~~July 1 after it is issued; or~~

28 (3) Proof that such person is enrolled in a postsecondary
29 vocational-technical program, a community college, or a two-year or four-year
30 institution of higher education."

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32 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
33 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
34 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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36 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to

1 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
2 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
3 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
4 act are declared to be severable.

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6 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
7 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Bush, et al

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