

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 604 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1457

5 By: Representative C. Johnson
6 *By: Senator Wilkins*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW TO
11 REFLECT CHANGES IN THE GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA
12 REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPULSORY
15 ATTENDANCE LAW TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE
16 GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS.
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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 § 6-18-201(b)(2)(A), concerning school
23 attendance, is amended to read as follows:

24 (2)(A) After formal application and prior to any further action on the
25 application, the student shall be administered either a test for adult basic
26 education or a general educational development ~~pretest~~ practice test under
27 standardized testing conditions by a ~~secondary school counselor~~ public school
28 official designated by the school and shall score 8.5 grade level or above on
29 the test for adult basic education or a minimum score of ~~45~~ 450 on each
30 section and a minimum composite score of ~~49~~ 490 on the practice general
31 educational development ~~pretest~~ test.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-201(c)(1)(B), concerning school
34 attendance, is amended to read as follows:

35 (B) A student enrolled in a private or parochial school shall provide
36 a letter from the principal or administrator of the private or parochial



1 school to verify enrollment, and shall score 8.5 grade level or above on the
2 test for adult basic education or a minimum score of 450 on each section and
3 a minimum composite score of 490 on the practice general development test.
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5 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-201(d), concerning school attendance,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (d) Students age sixteen (16) or above enrolled in a private,
8 parochial, or home school who desire to take the General Educational
9 Development Test shall meet the following requirements:

10 (1) Students shall not be required to obtain permission or
11 approval from any official in a public school district before being allowed
12 to take the test;

13 (2) A student enrolled in a private or parochial school shall
14 provide a letter from the principal or administrator of the private or
15 parochial school to verify enrollment; and

16 (3) A student enrolled in a home school shall provide a
17 notarized copy of the notice of intent to home school provided to the
18 superintendent of the local school district as required by § 6-15-503.

19 (4) A student enrolled in a private, parochial, or home school
20 must achieve at least the minimum official General Education Development
21 Practice Test scores.

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23 /s/ C. Johnson
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