

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 553 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1657

5 By: Representative Anderson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-18-213 TO
10 CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR
11 MAINTAINING ATTENDANCE RECORDS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 DISTRICTS FOR MAINTAINING ATTENDANCE
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-213 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-18-213. Attendance records and reports generally.

25 (a)(1) A record of pupil attendance shall be kept by each school
26 district of the state ~~on forms provided~~ in a format prescribed by the
27 Department of Education.

28 (2) This basic record, showing the daily attendance ~~or~~ and
29 absence of each student for the school year, shall be kept ~~in ink~~ by a
30 teacher or other officially designated person who visually notes the physical
31 presence or absence of each student on a daily basis.

32 (3) The attendance for resident and nonresident students shall
33 be kept separately.

34 (4) The basic attendance records of each district shall be kept
35 on file in electronic form, by the district for a period of three (3) years
36 and shall be audited ~~by the department at least one (1) time in any given~~



1 ~~three-year period~~ as provided by a policy approved by the State Board of
2 Education.

3 (b)(1) The official reporting period for attendance shall be
4 quarterly, with the actual number of days counted in each period to be no
5 fewer than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50).

6 (2) A waiver of this subsection may be granted by the department
7 upon petition by a school district.

8 (c) ~~The~~ This attendance record in each of the school districts of the
9 state as reflected by the combined reports for the first three (3) quarters
10 of the school year shall be the official data used in computing certain types
11 of state aid for the following year.

12 (d)(1) Any district that fails to file by April 15 of any given year
13 reports for the first three (3) quarters of that year, as required by
14 subsection (c) of this section, shall have the remainder of its state
15 equalization aid withheld, beginning with the April allotment, and placed in
16 escrow to be released when the reports are received.

17 (2) A waiver of this subsection (d) may be granted by the
18 department upon petition by a school district.

19 (e) The State Board of Education shall ~~develop forms and shall~~
20 promulgate rules, regulations, and procedures as may be required to implement
21 the intent of this section.

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