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# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL 1027**

4 **By: Representatives Mahony and King**

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 18, SUBCHAPTER 5 OF THE  
9 ARKANSAS OF CODE 1987, AS AMENDED, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL  
10 DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR  
11 CERTAIN STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-18-503 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 "6-18-503. Written student discipline policies required.

17 (a) Each school district in this state shall develop written student  
18 discipline policies in compliance with the guidelines established by the  
19 Department of Education and shall file such policies with the Department of  
20 Education. Guidelines shall include minimum standards of quality,  
21 *experimentation with innovative programs* and a system to judge the  
22 effectiveness of the program. The discipline policy shall include provisions  
23 for placement of a student with disciplinary , *socially dysfunctional* or  
24 behavioral problems not associated with a handicapping condition in an  
25 alternative learning environment provided by the district. *Behavioral*  
26 *problems shall include those at risk of not satisfactorily completing a high*  
27 *school education.*

28 (b) Any amendments or revisions to a school district's student  
29 discipline policies shall be developed and adopted in the same manner as the  
30 original policies required by §6-18-502 and shall be consistent with the  
31 guidelines established by the Department of Education.

32 (c) Any amendment or revision to the student discipline policies  
33 adopted by a school district shall be submitted to the Department of Education  
34 within thirty (30) days after the adoption of such amendment or revision."

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1 SECTION 2. Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 5 of the Arkansas Code of  
2 1987, as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as  
3 follows:

4 "6-18-508. (a) Every school district shall establish an alternative  
5 learning environment *students* an environment conducive to learning.

6 (b) Those *school districts* above 2,000 A.D.M., by the year 1993-94;  
7 those above 1,000 A.D.M., 1994-95; all *other school districts*, 1995-96.

8 (c) The alternative learning environment required by this section may  
9 be established by more than one school district or may be operated by a Public  
10 School Educational Cooperative established under Ark. Code §6-13-901 et seq.

11 (d) *The State Department of Education shall establish criteria for*  
12 *teacher preparation for alternative learning environments which shall include*  
13 *inservice training.*

14 (e) *Each school district shall report to the Equity Assistance Center*  
15 *of the State Department of Education on a quarterly basis, the race, gender*  
16 *and other pertinent information regarding students placed in an alternative*  
17 *learning environment. This information shall be reported by the department to*  
18 *the Joint Interim Oversight Subcommittee on Educational Reform of the Joint*  
19 *Interim Committee on Education of the Arkansas General Assembly.*

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21 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
22 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
23 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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25 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
26 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
27 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
29 act are declared to be severable.

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31 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
32 hereby repealed.

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34 /s/J. Mahony, et al

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