

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
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4 **By: Representative Hawkins**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL 1295**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 18, SUBCHAPTER 2 OF THE  
9 ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 TO PROVIDE THAT DENTAL AND MEDICAL  
10 APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR PURPOSES OF  
11 ATTENDANCE POLICIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

16 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §6-18-209 is hereby amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 "6-18-209. Adoption of student attendance policies - Effect of  
19 excessive absences.

20 (a) The board of directors of each school district in this state shall  
21 adopt student attendance policies.

22 (b) Each school district shall, as a part of its six-year educational  
23 plan, develop strategies for promoting maximum student attendance including,  
24 but not limited to, the use of alternative classrooms and in-school  
25 suspensions in lieu of suspension from school.

26 (c) A student attendance policy may include excessive unexcused  
27 absences as a mandatory basis for denial of promotion or graduation.

28 (d) The student attendance policy shall include as an excused absence  
29 the absence of a student to obtain treatment by a dentist *licensed by the*  
30 *State Board of Dental Examiners or physician licensed by the State Medical*  
31 *Board*. Written proof from the dentist of such treatment shall be required by  
32 the district."

34 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
7 act are declared to be severable.

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10 hereby repealed.

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12 */s/Bruce Hawkins*

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