

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

HOUSE BILL 1457

5 By: Representative C. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPULSORY
14 ATTENDANCE LAW TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE
15 GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-201(b)(2)(A), concerning school
22 attendance, is amended to read as follows:

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

34 (B) A student enrolled in a private or parochial school shall provide
35 a letter from the principal or administrator of the private or parochial
36 school to verify enrollment, and shall score 8.5 grade level or above on the



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1 test for adult basic education or a minimum score of 450 on each section and
2 a minimum composite score of 490 on the practice general development test.

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4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-201(d), concerning school attendance,
5 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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