

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 1496

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5 By: Representatives Bennett, Fite, Oglesby, Dickinson  
6 By: Senators J. Jeffress, G. Jeffress

## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL  
11 CONFERENCES CONCERNING DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS WITH  
12 THEIR CHILD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTS TO ATTEND  
16 SCHOOL CONFERENCES CONCERNING  
17 DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS WITH THEIR CHILD.

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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 Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 5 is amended  
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 6-18-514. Disciplinary conferences.

25 (a) For purposes of this section:

26 (1) "Parent" means:

27 (A) A natural parent, or a person with whom the student  
28 resides if the person is a legal guardian, person in loco parentis, or person  
29 who has legal custody of a student under a court order; and

30 (B) A person to whom the written notices are addressed;

31 and

32 (2) "Disciplinary conference" means a meeting scheduled by a  
33 school principal for the purpose of requiring a parent to meet with a teacher  
34 and principle to discuss a student's disciplinary problems.

35 (b)(1) A parent who receives more than two (2) written notices during  
36 one (1) school year from a public school regarding disciplinary problems



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1 concerning his or her child shall attend a conference with the child's  
 2 teacher and school principal at the school, if a conference is requested by  
 3 the principal.

4 (2) A parent who receives more than two (2) written notices  
 5 during one (1) school year from a public school regarding disciplinary  
 6 problems concerning his or her child following a disciplinary conference as  
 7 set forth in subdivision (1) shall attend classes with his or her child for  
 8 one (1) school day if requested to do so by the school principal.

9 (3) All notices to the parents required under this subsection  
 10 (b) shall:

11 (A) Be sent to the parent's last known address by  
 12 certified mail, return receipt requested; and

13 (B) Contain a statement notifying parents that failure to  
 14 attend disciplinary conferences or attend classes with the child as requested  
 15 by the school principal may result in suspension of the parent's motor  
 16 vehicle operator's license.

17 (c)(1) The public school principal may notify the Department of  
 18 Finance and Administration if a parent does not attend a disciplinary  
 19 conference or attend classes with his or her child as required under  
 20 subsection (b) of this section.

21 (2)(A) Upon receipt of notification, the Department of Finance  
 22 and Administration shall notify the licensee by certified mail, return  
 23 receipt requested, that the parent's motor vehicle operator's license will be  
 24 suspended unless a hearing is requested in writing within thirty (30) days  
 25 from the date of notice.

26 (B) The licensee shall be entitled to retain or regain his  
 27 or her license by providing the department with adequate evidence that the  
 28 licensee has complied with subsection (b) of this section.

29 (C) If demonstrable financial hardship would result from  
 30 the suspension of the driver's license, the department may grant an exception  
 31 only to the extent necessary to ameliorate the hardship.

32 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration may promulgate  
 33 rules and regulations to carry out the intent of this subsection (c) and  
 34 shall distribute to each public school principal a copy of all rules and  
 35 regulations.

36 (4) The Department of Education may promulgate rules and

1 regulations to carry out the intent of subsection (b) of this section and  
2 shall distribute to each public school principal a copy of the rule and  
3 regulations.

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