

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 2510

5 By: Representative Bennett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

13 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTS TO ATTEND
14 SCHOOL CONFERENCES CONCERNING
15 DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS WITH THEIR CHILD.
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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 Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 5 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-18-514. Disciplinary conferences.

24 (a) For purposes of this section:

25 (1) "Parent" means:

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

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

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

34 (b)(1) A parent who receives more than two (2) written notices during
35 one (1) school year from a public school regarding disciplinary problems
36 concerning his or her child shall attend a conference with the child's



1 teacher and school principal at the school, if a conference is requested by
2 the principal.

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

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

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

12 (B) Contain a statement notifying parents that failure to
13 attend disciplinary conferences or attend classes with the child as requested
14 by the school principal may result in a family in need of services petition,
15 under Arkansas Code § 9-27-310, being filed by the school principal.

16 (c)(1) The public school principal may file a family in need of
17 services petition, under Arkansas Code § 9-27-310, if a parent does not
18 attend a disciplinary conference or attend classes with his or her child as
19 required under subsection (b) of this section.

20 (2) The Department of Human Services may promulgate rules and
21 regulations to carry out the intent of this subsection (c) and shall
22 distribute to each public school principal all forms necessary for filing a
23 family in need of services petition, under Arkansas Code § 9-27-310, and a
24 copy of all rules and regulations pertaining to the petition.

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