

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 2518

5 By: Representative Lewellen
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS
10 RECEIVE A QUALITY EDUCATION; TO AMEND CERTAIN
11 LAWS PERTAINING TO HOME SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 STUDENTS RECEIVE A QUALITY EDUCATION; TO
16 AMEND CERTAIN LAWS PERTAINING TO HOME
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-502 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-15-502. Rules, regulations, and procedures for monitoring and
25 enforcing provisions.

26 (a) ~~The provisions of § 6-18-201(a) shall be self-executing, and the~~
27 State Board of Education shall ~~have no authority to~~ promulgate rules,
28 regulations, or guidelines for the enforcement or administration ~~thereof of~~
29 this subchapter to the extent necessary to ensure that home school students
30 receive a quality education.

31 (b) The board is empowered to make such reasonable rules and
32 regulations required for the proper administration of this subchapter which
33 are not inconsistent with the intent of this subchapter.

34 (c) The State Board of Education may undertake measures to ensure that
35 home school students receive a quality education.
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-503(a)(1) through (3), pertaining to
 2 prerequisites to home schooling, are amended to read as follows:

3 (a)(1) Parents or guardians desiring to provide a home school for
 4 their children must give written notice to the superintendent of their local
 5 school district of their intent to provide a home school for their children
 6 and sign a waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas is not liable for
 7 the education of their children during the time that the parents choose to
 8 home school:

9 (A) At the beginning of each school year but no later than
 10 August 15; or

11 (B) By December 15 for parents who decide to start home
 12 schooling at the beginning of the spring semester; or

13 (C) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this
 14 section, fourteen (14) calendar days prior to withdrawing the children from
 15 the local school district and at the beginning of each school year
 16 thereafter. The ~~superindent~~ superintendent or the local school board may
 17 waive the fourteen-day waiting period.

18 (2) Within thirty (30) calendar days of establishing residency
 19 within the district, parents or guardians moving into the school district
 20 during the school year must give written notice to the superintendent of
 21 their local school district of their intent to provide a home school for
 22 their children and sign a waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas is
 23 not liable for the education of their children during the time that the
 24 parents choose to home school.

25 (3) The notice must include:

26 (A) The name, date of birth, grade level, and name and
 27 address of the school last attended, if any, of each student involved;

28 (B) The location of the home school;

29 (C) The basic core curriculum to be offered;

30 (D) The proposed schedule of instruction; ~~and~~

31 (E) The qualifications of the parent-teacher; and

32 (F) A written statement of assurance by the parent-teacher
 33 stating that a quality education will be provided to each home school student
 34 and that the proposed curriculum and schedule will be followed.

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