

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 925

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5 By: Senator Holt  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTS TO CONSULT A STUDENT'S  
10 GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REGARDING COLLEGE PREPARATION  
11 CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF  
12 THE STUDENT'S NINTH GRADE YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 STUDENT'S GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REGARDING  
16 COLLEGE PREPARATION CORE CURRICULUM  
17 REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF  
18 THE STUDENT'S NINTH GRADE YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. (a) For purposes of this section, "parent" means:

25 (1) A natural parent with legal custody of a child; or

26 (2) A person with whom the child resides, if the person is a  
27 stepparent, legal guardian, person in loco parentis, or person who has legal  
28 custody of a child under a court order.

29 (b)(1) A parent of any student entering the ninth grade in a public  
30 school shall meet with the students high school guidance counselor  
31 individually prior to the child's first day of class in the ninth grade.

32 (2) During the meeting, the guidance counselor shall provide the  
33 parent with information regarding:

34 (A) The current minimum high school grade point average  
35 and course curriculum requirements for graduation and for unconditional  
36 admission to any public four-year institution of higher education in the



1 state;

2 (B) Upon request of the parent, the minimum high school  
3 grade point average and course curriculum requirements for unconditional  
4 admission to any public two-year, community, or junior college institution in  
5 the state; and

6 (C) Upon request of any party present at the meeting,  
7 minimum high school course curriculum requirements for unconditional  
8 admission to any public technical institute in the state shall also be  
9 outlined.

10 (c) During the meeting, but after receiving the information provided  
11 in subsection (b) of this section, the parent shall register the student in  
12 his or her ninth grade courses.

13 (d) The meeting with the guidance counselor under this section, shall  
14 be scheduled at a date and time agreed upon by both the guidance counselor  
15 and the parent child, but before the beginning of the student's ninth grade  
16 year.

17 (e) The student may attend any meeting scheduled under this section.

18 (f) Parents of a student in ninth or tenth grade transferring from  
19 another state shall meet with the counselor as required under this section  
20 for ninth grade students.

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