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A Bill

SENATE BILL 609

5 By: Senator Elliott
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE CONCERNING DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC
10 SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE
15 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING DISCIPLINE OF
16 STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
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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 § 6-18-507(b), concerning discipline of a*
22 *public school student, is amended to read as follows:*

23 *(b)(1) The board of directors of a school district may suspend or*
24 *expel any student from school for violation of the school district's written*
25 *discipline policies, except that a school district shall not use out-of-*
26 *school suspension as a discipline measure for truancy.*

27 *(2) The school district shall not use out-of-school suspension*
28 *or expulsion for a student in kindergarten through grade five (K-5) except in*
29 *cases when a student's behavior:*

30 *(A) Poses a physical risk to himself or herself or to*
31 *others; or*

32 *(B) Causes a serious disruption that cannot be*
33 *addressed through other means.*
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35 /s/Elliott
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