

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**

A Bill

ACT 333 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 1326

4 **By: Representatives Hunton, Hill, and Baker**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE § 6-18-503(b) TO CLARIFY
9 PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTERING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE
10 PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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15 CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTERING
16 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE PUBLIC
17 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 Annotated § 6-18-503(b) is hereby amended to
22 read as follows:

23 "(b)(1) A school district that authorizes use of corporal punishment in
24 its discipline policy shall include provisions for administration of the
25 punishment, including that it be administered only for cause, be reasonable,
26 follow warnings that the misbehavior will not be tolerated, and be
27 administered by a teacher or a school administrator and only in the presence
28 of a school administrator or his designee, who shall be a teacher or
29 administrator employed by the school district.

30 (2) As used in this section, teachers and administrators means those
31 persons employed by a school district and required to have a state-issued
32 certificate as a condition of their employment."

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34 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
36 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the Eightieth General Assembly that there is some confusion in the various school districts of this state as to procedures for administering corporal punishment, as set forth in Act 51 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 1994 and that immediate implementation of this act is necessary to clarify these procedures. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

APPROVED: 2-14-95

