

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.

Act 778 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009  
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As Engrossed: H3/24/09

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1581

5 By: Representatives J. Edwards, Harrelson, Saunders  
6 By: Senator D. Wyatt  
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 *AN ACT TO ENHANCE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE PASSENGER*  
11 *TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE; AND FOR*  
12 *OTHER PURPOSES.*

13 **Subtitle**

14 *TO ENHANCE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE*  
15 *PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN IN*  
16 *CHILD CARE.*

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. The purpose of this act is to enhance safe*  
22 *and responsible passenger transportation of children in child care by*  
23 *requiring appropriate liability insurance and driver training.*  
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25 *SECTION 2. (a) The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood*  
26 *Education of the Department of Human Services is directed, in collaboration*  
27 *with the State Insurance Department, to develop and promulgate rules*  
28 *requiring sufficient and appropriate minimum levels of general liability*  
29 *insurance coverage for licensed child care centers and licensed and*  
30 *registered child care family homes, including coverage for transportation*  
31 *services when applicable.*  
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33 *(b) The division shall promulgate rules requiring all drivers of*  
34 *vehicles transporting children on behalf of licensed child care centers and*  
35 *licensed and registered child care family homes to complete a comprehensive*



1 program of driver safety training.

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3 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. The rules that require liability insurance  
4 and driver safety training shall be in effect no later than December 31,  
5 2009.

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7 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
8 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the transportation of children  
9 is an integral part of child care services and subjects the children to a  
10 risk of injury which can be minimalized and insured against; and that this  
11 act is immediately necessary to provide protection to children served by  
12 various child care centers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and  
13 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
14 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

15 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

16 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
17 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
18 bill; or

19 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
20 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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25 /s/ J. Edwards

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27 APPROVED: 4/3/2009