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A Bill

SENATE BILL 634

5 By: Senator D. Sanders
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS
9 PROGRAM ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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11 **Subtitle**

12 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS REGISTERED
13 VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM ACT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-22-104 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-22-104. Optional program ~~development~~ – Requirements.

21 (a) Each local school district may develop a registered volunteers
22 program and may accept the services of volunteers who qualify under the
23 program to assist in extracurricular and interscholastic activities that are
24 sponsored by the district.

25 (b) A school district that develops a registered volunteers program as
26 set forth in this chapter shall:

27 (1) Take actions as are necessary to develop meaningful
28 opportunities for qualified volunteers to assist in extracurricular
29 activities and interscholastic activities;

30 (2) Take actions as are necessary to ensure that qualified
31 volunteers have written job descriptions that define their duties and
32 responsibilities;

33 (3) Provide for the recognition of qualified volunteers who have
34 offered exceptional service to the school district; and

35 (4) Provide support for the volunteer program established under
36 *the State and Local Government Volunteers Act, § 21-13-101 et seq.*



1 (c) A registered volunteer in an athletic program for grades seven
2 through twelve (7-12) shall meet the requirements adopted by the Arkansas
3 Activities Association (AAA) through the AAA National Federation of State
4 High School Associations Coaches Education Program.

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-22-105, concerning registered volunteers,
7 is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

8 (3) Volunteers and registered volunteers shall be at least
9 twenty-two (22) years of age.

10 (4) A volunteer or registered volunteer may not be a member of
11 the board of directors of the school district or the spouse of a member of
12 the board of directors of the school district in which he or she seeks to
13 volunteer.

14 (5) A volunteer or a registered volunteer shall not receive
15 payment for services rendered under this subchapter.

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17 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-22-107(b), concerning applicability, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 ~~(b) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the following~~
20 ~~sports administered by the association~~ A volunteer or registered volunteer
21 may act as a head coach in all varsity junior and senior high sports
22 administered by the Arkansas Activities Association except in the following
23 sports:

- 24 (1) Football;
- 25 (2) Basketball; and
- 26 (3) Track and field.

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28 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-22-108 is amended to read as follows:
29 6-22-108. Construction.

30 ~~None~~ Except as provided specifically under this subchapter, none of the
31 provisions of this chapter prohibits a school district from utilizing the
32 services of the volunteers who operate under the supervision of licensed
33 school personnel.

34 /s/D. Sanders

35 **APPROVED: 03/29/2015**