A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE TO APPLY FOR AN INSTRUCTION PERMIT OR DRIVER’S LICENSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE TO APPLY FOR AN INSTRUCTION PERMIT OR DRIVER’S LICENSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-16-701(d)(1)(B), concerning the application requirements for a driver’s license or instruction permit for a person less than eighteen (18) years of age, are amended to read as follows:

(B) “Regular attendance” in a school shall be attendance in compliance with the established written policy of the school district or school concerning truancy.

As used in this section:

(i) “Regular attendance" means attendance in compliance with the:

(a) Established written policy of the school district or public, private, or parochial school concerning truancy; or

(b) Policy for sixteen-year-olds and seventeen-year-olds enrolled in an adult education program established by the State Board of Career Education as provided for in § 6-18-222; and
(ii) "Special education or related services" means an instruction plan specially designed to meet the unique needs of a student with a disability that adversely affects his or her educational performance and requires an:

(a) Individualized education program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-446; or

(b) Accommodation commonly known as a "504 Plan" under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112.

Section 2. Arkansas Code 27-16-701(d)(1)(C), concerning the application requirements for a driver’s license or instruction permit for a person less than eighteen (18) years of age, is repealed:

(C) “Regular attendance” in an adult education program shall be attendance in compliance with the policy for sixteen-year-olds and seventeen-year-olds established by the State Board of Career Education as provided for in § 6-18-222;

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