Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

By: Representatives Warren, Dotson, Capp, Cozart, Dalby, Eubanks, Evans, Gazaway, L. Johnson, Maddox, Vaught, Wing
By: Senators J. English, B. Ballinger

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENTRY UPON A SCHOOL CAMPUS BY A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
CONCERNING THE ENTRY UPON A SCHOOL CAMPUS
BY A PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER
AS A SEX OFFENDER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-14-132(c), concerning exceptions to the general prohibition against sex offenders entering upon a school campus, is amended to read as follows:

(c) It is not a violation of this section if the sex offender:
(1) Is less than under twenty-two (22) years of age and is a student enrolled in a grade kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) program;
(2) Enters upon the campus for the purpose of attending a graduation ceremony or a baccalaureate ceremony;
(3) Enters upon the campus on a day that is not designated a student contact day by the public school’s calendar or on a day in which no school-sponsored event is taking place upon the campus;
(4) Is the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a public school and enters upon the campus where the student is enrolled for the purpose of:
(A) Delivering to the student medicine, food, or personal items if the medicine, food, or personal items are delivered directly to the public school’s office; or

(B) Attending a scheduled parent-teacher conference if the sex offender is escorted to and from the scheduled parent-teacher conference by a designated public school official or employee; 

(5) Has been assessed as a Level 3 offender and enters upon the campus for the purpose of attending a school-sponsored event for which an admission fee is charged or tickets are sold or distributed if the sex offender:

(A)(i) Is the parent or guardian of, is related by blood or marriage within the fourth degree of consanguinity to, or is a great-grandparent of a student enrolled in the public school.

(ii) The degree of consanguinity is computed under § 28-9-212; and

(B) Notifies the administration of the school in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the school-sponsored event for which an admission fee is charged or tickets are sold or distributed that he or she will be attending the school-sponsored event for which an admission fee is charged or tickets are sold or distributed; or

(6) Has been committed to the Division of Youth Services and attends a school operated by the Division of Youth Services.

/s/Warren

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