As Engrossed: 1/15/91

1	State of Arkansas
2	78th General Assembly A BillACT 292 OF 199
3	Regular Session, 1991 HOUSE BILL 1026
4	By: Representative Mahony
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled
8	"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 6, CHAPTER 18, SUBCHAPTER 2, OF THE
9	ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED, TO SET THE COMPULSORY
10	ATTENDANCE AGE FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN; AND FOR
11	OTHER PURPOSES."
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13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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15	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-18-201(a) is hereby amended to read as
16	follows:
17	"(a) Every parent, guardian, or other person residing within the State
18	of Arkansas having custody or charge of any child or children age five (5)
19	through seventeen (17) years on October 1 of that year, both inclusive, shall
20	enroll and send the child or children to a public, private, or parochial
21	school or provide a home school for the child or children as described in
22	§6-15-601 et seq. under such penalty for noncompliance as shall be set by law
23	with the following exceptions:
24	(1) Any child who has received a high school diploma, or its
25	equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education, is not subject to
26	attendance requirement.
27	(2) Any parent, guardian, or other person residing within the
28	state and having custody or charge of any child or children may elect for the
29	child or children not to attend kindergarten if the child or children will not
30	be age six (6) on October 1 of that particular school year. If such an
31	election is made, the parent, guardian, or other person having custody or
32	charge of the child must file a signed kindergarten waiver form with the local
33	district administrative office. Such form shall be prescribed by regulation
34	of the State Department of Education. On filing the kindergarten waiver form,
35	the child or children shall not be required to attend kindergarten in that

1	school year.
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3	(3) Any child enrolled in a postsecondary vocational/technical
4	institution, a community college or a two-year or four-year institution of
5	higher education, is not subject to this attendance requirement.
6	(4) The local school district may grant a waiver of this
7	requirement with notice to the State Board of Education."
8	SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
9	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
10	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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12	SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
13	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
14	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
15	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
16	act are declared to be severable.
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18	SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
19	hereby repealed.
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21	/s/J. Mahony
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23	APPROVED: 3-1-91
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