State of Arkansas 1 As Engrossed: S4/7/99 A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly Act 1494 of 1999 3 Regular Session, 1999 HOUSE BILL 2064 4 By: Representative Carson 5 By: Senator Webb 6 7 8 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PERSONAL 10 INJURY LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." 11 12 Subtitle 13 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR 14 PERSONAL INJURY LAW." 15 16 17 18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 19 20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-17-1209 is amended to read as follows: "6-17-1209. Leave of absence for personal injury from assault or other 21 22 violent criminal act. (a) Whenever a school teacher is absent from his or her duties in a 23 24 public school as a result of personal injury caused by either an assault or other violent a criminal act committed against the school teacher in the 25 course of his or her employment, the school teacher shall be granted a leave 26 of absence from school with full pay for up to one (1) year from the date of 27 28 the injury. The leave of absence for personal injury from an assault or other 29 violent a criminal act shall not be charged to the school teacher's sick leave authorized under this subchapter. Teachers who suffer personal injury while 30 intervening in student fights, restraining a student or protecting a student 31 from harm shall be considered to be injured as a result of an assault or a 32 criminal act. 33 (b) The board of directors of each school district shall adopt written 34 policies for the implementation of this section and incorporate them as part 35 of the written personnel policies of the district." 36

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SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

14 /s/ **Carso**

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