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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PARENT OR
10 LEGAL GUARDIAN WAIT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE
11 WITHDRAWING HIS OR HER CHILD FROM A LOCAL SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT; TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT WITHIN A
13 NOTIFICATION TO HOME SCHOOL THAT A PARENT OR LEGAL
14 GUARDIAN INCLUDE HIS OR HER CHILD'S INTENT TO SEEK A
15 DRIVER'S LICENSE IN THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR; AND FOR
16 OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

20 TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PARENT
21 OR GUARDIAN WAIT BEFORE WITHDRAWING HIS
22 OR HER CHILD FROM A SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND
23 TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PARENT
24 OR GUARDIAN STATE HIS OR HER CHILD'S
25 INTENT TO SEEK A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

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

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30 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-503(a)(1), concerning intent to home
31 school, is amended to read as follows:

32 (a)(1) Parents or legal guardians desiring to provide a home school
33 for their children shall give written notice to the superintendent of their
34 local school district of their intent to provide a home school for their
35 children and agree that the parent or legal guardian is responsible for the
36 education of his or her children during the time the parent or legal guardian



1 provides a home school for the children:

2 (A) At the beginning of each school year but no later than
3 August 15; or

4 (B)~~(i)~~ Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this
5 section, ~~fourteen (14)~~ five (5) calendar school days before withdrawing the
6 ~~children~~ student from the local school district and at the beginning of each
7 school year thereafter.

8 ~~(ii) The superintendent or the local school district~~
9 ~~board of directors may waive the fourteen day waiting period.~~

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-15-503(a)(3)(F), concerning the
12 requirement that a parent or legal guardian include in a home school
13 notification his or her child's intent to seek a driver's license in the
14 current school year, is repealed.

15 ~~(F)(i) A statement of plans to seek a driver's license~~
16 ~~during the current school year.~~

17 ~~(ii) If a parent or legal guardian includes the~~
18 ~~information under subdivision (a)(3)(F)(i) of this section, the notice shall~~
19 ~~include a notarized signature of the parent or legal guardian; and~~

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21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-15-503, concerning prerequisites to home
22 schooling, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

23 (f)(1) A student who is enrolled in a public school and who has been
24 temporarily issued items, resources, supplies, materials, or other property
25 belonging to the public school at which he or she is enrolled is eligible for
26 enrollment in a home school after:

27 (A) The items, resources, supplies, materials, or other
28 property belonging to the public school district at which the student is
29 enrolled have been returned to the public school;

30 (B) The items, resources, supplies, materials, or other
31 property belonging to the public school district at which the student is
32 enrolled have been paid for; or

33 (C) The semester has ended.

34 (2) However, the public school district superintendent or the
35 local school district board of directors may waive the required five-school-
36 day waiting period required under subdivision (a)(1)(B) of this section if

1 the public school district superintendent or the local school district board
2 of directors is satisfied with the return of temporarily issued items,
3 resources, supplies, materials, or other property belonging to a public
4 school student.

5 /s/Lowery

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