Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 897 of the Regular Session

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| 2 | 93rd General Assembly | A Bill | |
| 3 | Regular Session, 2021 | | SENATE BILL 576 |
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| 5 | By: Senator A. Clark | | |
| 6 | By: Representative Cozart | | |
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| 8 | For An Act To Be Entitled | | |
| 9 | AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ADOPT ATTENDANCE | | |
| 10 | POLICY REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR | | |
| 11 | PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL VIRTUALLY OR | | |
| 12 | REMOTELY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. | | |
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| 23 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: | | |
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| 25 | SECTION 1. Arka | nsas Code § 6-18-213(a)(2), cond | erning an attendance |
| 26 | record kept by each sc | hool district, is amended to rea | nd as follows: |
| 27 | (2) <u>(A)</u> Th | is basic record, showing the dai | lly attendance and |
| 28 | absence of each studen | t for the school year, shall be | kept by a teacher or |
| 29 | other officially designated person who notes the attendance or absence of | | |
| 30 | each student on a daily basis. | | |
| 31 | <u>(B)</u> | Each school district and open-e | enrollment public |
| 32 | charter school shall have a policy detailing how a record of pupil attendance | | |
| 33 | shall be kept for public school students who attend school via virtual or | | |
| 34 | remote learning programs if the method for detailing attendance is different | | |
| 35 | from the method require | ed under subdivision (a)(2)(A) c | of this section. |
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| 1 | SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(b)(3), concerning suspension of | | |
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| 2 | the motor vehicle operator's license of a student fourteen (14) years of age | | |
| 3 | or older who is no longer in school, is amended to read as follows: | | |
| 4 | (3) This section applies with the same force and effect to | | |
| 5 | students attending school via virtual or remote learning programs. | | |
| 6 | (4) The department shall have the power to may promulgate rules | | |
| 7 | to carry out the intent of this section and shall distribute to each public, | | |
| 8 | private, and parochial school and each adult education program a copy of all | | |
| 9 | rules adopted under this section. | | |
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| 11 | /s/A. Clark | | |
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