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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 996**

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT  
EXCESSIVE ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 996**

Amend Senate Bill No. 996 as engrossed, S3/27/13 (version: 03/27/2013 09:00:41 AM):

Immediately following SECTION 1 of the bill, add the following additional sections:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-220(a)(4), concerning additional absences granted for participation in FFA, FHA, and 4-H programs, is amended to read as follows:

(4) One method of encouraging participation in such programs is to grant additional excused absences to students who participate in officially sanctioned activities of those organizations.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-220(c), concerning additional absences granted for participation in FFA, FHA, and 4-H programs, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Any school district that grants additional excused absences of FFA member students who attend officially sanctioned FFA activities shall afford equal treatment to FHA and 4-H member students who attend the same or similar officially sanctioned activities.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(a)(4)(D)(i), concerning the revocation of driving privilege for a student with excessive absences, is amended to read as follows:

(D)(i) Before a student accumulates the maximum number of unexcused absences allowed in a school district's student attendance policy, the student or the student's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis may petition the school administration or school district administration for special arrangements to address the student's unexcused absences.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 7-4-116(c)(1)(A), concerning the election poll workers program for high school students, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Be granted an additional excused absence from school while working as an election page;

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 7-4-116(d)(1)(D), concerning the election



poll workers program for high school students, is amended to read as follows:  
(D) Be granted an additional excused absence from school while working as an election official."

AND

Appropriately renumber the remaining sections of the bill

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Representative Clemmer  
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