

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1976

5 By: Representatives J. Rogers, Kidd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE BUSSING OF STUDENTS ACROSS
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT LINES EXCEPT IN LIMITED
11 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-206(c), regarding public school
22 choice, is amended to read as follows:

23 (c)(1) The responsibility for transportation of a student from the
24 student's resident school district to a nonresident school district shall be
25 borne by the student or the student's parents. ~~The nonresident school~~
26 ~~district may enter into a written agreement with the student, the student's~~
27 ~~parents, or the resident school district to provide transportation to or from~~
28 ~~any place in the resident district to the nonresident district, or both.~~

29 (2) The transportation of a student under this section by a
30 resident school district to and from a nonresident school district or by a
31 nonresident school district to and from a resident school district is
32 prohibited unless:

33 (A) Both the resident school district and nonresident
34 school district are currently involved in a federal desegregation lawsuit or
35 settlement related to a federal desegregation lawsuit;

36 (B) The school the student would be attending in the



1 student's resident school district has been classified as being in school
2 improvement under § 6-15-425 or § 6-15-426 or academic distress under § 6-15-
3 425; or

4 (C) The board of directors of both the resident school
5 district and nonresident school district have entered into a written
6 agreement to provide inter-district transportation.

7 (3) The Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic
8 Facilities and Transportation shall administer and enforce this subsection
9 (c).

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