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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 371

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
9 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL INTER-DISTRICT STUDENT  
10 TRANSFERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
15 CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL INTER-DISTRICT  
16 STUDENT TRANSFERS.  
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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 § 6-18-203, concerning student attendance in  
22 a school district other than the student's school district of residence, is  
23 amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

24 (e)(1) When a parent or guardian who while on active duty in or  
25 serving in the reserve component of a branch of the United States Armed  
26 Forces or National Guard relocates within the state due to a mobilization,  
27 deployment, or available military housing, the children of the parent or  
28 guardian may:

29 (A) Continue attending school in the school district the  
30 children were attending prior to the relocation; or

31 (B) Attend school in the school district where the  
32 children have relocated.

33 (2) A child enrolled in a school district under this subsection  
34 may complete all remaining school years at the enrolled school district,  
35 regardless of mobilization, deployment, or military status of the parent or  
36 guardian.



1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-316, concerning student inter-district  
2 transfer, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

3 (h) Student transfers granted under this section constitute an  
4 independent agreement between the resident district and the receiving  
5 district and are not subject to the provisions and limitations of other  
6 student transfer laws.

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-18-317(a), concerning prohibiting inter-  
9 district student transfers under certain circumstances, is amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 (a) Boards of directors of local school districts are prohibited from  
12 granting legal transfers under § 6-18-316 in the following situations when:

13 (1) ~~When either~~ Either the resident or the receiving district is  
14 under a desegregation-related court order ~~or has ever been under such a court~~  
15 ~~order;~~ and

16 (2) The transfer in question would ~~negatively affect the racial~~  
17 ~~balance of that district which is or has been under such a~~ violate the court  
18 order.

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20 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-18-318 is repealed.

21 ~~6-18-318. Waiver of prohibition.~~

22 ~~(a) Any district not currently under a desegregation-related court~~  
23 ~~order, but which has been under such a court order in the past, may apply for~~  
24 ~~a waiver of the prohibition set forth in § 6-18-317(a).~~

25 ~~(b) The State Board of Education may grant such a district a waiver~~  
26 ~~from the provisions of § 6-18-317(a) if it is determined that the district's~~  
27 ~~desegregation status would not be adversely affected by allowing a legal~~  
28 ~~transfer that would negatively affect the district's racial balance.~~