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A Bill

SENATE BILL 306

5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 *AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS UNDER ARKANSAS CODE §*
9 *21-4-216 FOR PURPOSES OF STATE EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR*
10 *PARTICIPATION IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES;*
11 *AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*
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Subtitle

14 *TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS UNDER ARKANSAS*
15 *CODE § 21-4-216 FOR PURPOSES OF STATE*
16 *EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR PARTICIPATION IN*
17 *CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.*
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-4-216(a)(1) and (2), concerning*
24 *definitions for purposes of state employee leave for participation in*
25 *children's educational activities, are amended to read as follows:*

26 *(1)(A) "Child" means a person enrolled in an educational program*
27 *for prekindergarten through grade ~~12~~ twelve (preK-12) who is of the following*
28 *relation to a state employee:*

29 *~~(A)(i)~~ (i) Natural child;*

30 *~~(B)(ii)~~ (ii) Adopted child;*

31 *~~(C)(iii)~~ (iii) Stepchild;*

32 *~~(D)(iv)~~ (iv) Foster child;*

33 *~~(E)(v)~~ (v) Grandchild;*

34 *~~(F)(vi)~~ (vi) Ward of the state employee by virtue of the state*
35 *~~employee~~ employee's having been appointed the person's legal guardian or*
36 *custodian; or*



1 ~~(G)(vii)~~ Any other legal capacity in which the employee is
2 acting as a parent for the child.

3 (B) "Child" includes a person who meets the criteria of
4 subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section but is:

5 (i) Over eighteen (18) years of age; and

6 (ii) Declared legally incompetent;

7 (2)(A) "Educational activity" means any school-sponsored
8 activity.

9 (B) "Educational activity" includes without limitation:

10 (i) A parent-teacher conference;

11 (ii) Participation in school-sponsored tutoring;

12 (iii) Participation in a school-sponsored volunteer
13 program;

14 (iv) A field trip;

15 (v) A classroom program;

16 (vi) A school committee meeting;

17 (vii) An academic competition; ~~and~~

18 (viii) Assisting with athletic, music, or theater
19 programs; and

20 (ix) Any of the activities listed in subdivisions
21 (a)(2)(B)(i)-(viii) of this section that are connected with a prekindergarten
22 program;

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24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-4-216(a), concerning definitions for
25 state employee leave for participation in children's educational activities,
26 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

27 (5) "Prekindergarten" means an educational and child development
28 program that is designed to prepare children who are at least three (3) years
29 of age for an academic kindergarten program.

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31 /s/J. Jeffress

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34 **APPROVED: 03/23/2011**