ARKANSAS SENATE 93rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2021 Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 576

TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ADOPT ATTENDANCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS FOR VIRTUAL OR REMOTE ATTENDANCE; AND TO ALLOW COURTS TO INTERVENE IF A STUDENT HAS VIOLATED ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR VIRTUAL OR REMOTE ATTENDANCE.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 576

Amend Senate Bill No. 576 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 14, and substitute the following: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ADOPT ATTENDANCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL VIRTUALLY OR REMOTELY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ADOPT ATTENDANCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL VIRTUALLY OR REMOTELY."

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following: "SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-213(a)(2), concerning an attendance record kept by each school district, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) This basic record, showing the daily attendance and absence of each student for the school year, shall be kept by a teacher or other officially designated person who notes the attendance or absence of each student on a daily basis.

(B) Each school district and open-enrollment public charter school shall have a policy detailing how a record of pupil attendance shall be kept for public school students who attend school via virtual or remote learning programs if the method for detailing attendance is different from the method required under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(b)(3), concerning suspension of the motor vehicle operator's license of a student fourteen (14) years of age or older who is no longer in school, is amended to read as follows:

(3) <u>This section applies with the same force and effect to</u> <u>students attending school via virtual or remote learning programs.</u>

(4) The department shall have the power to may promulgate rules to carry out the intent of this section and shall distribute to each public, private, and parochial school and each adult education program a copy of all rules adopted under this section."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and ______By: Senator A. Clark
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