

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB2172

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE TO APPLY FOR AN INSTRUCTION PERMIT OR DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Rep. Eaves

This bill amends Arkansas law concerning the eligibility of a person under 18 years of age to apply for an instruction permit or driver's license. The bill changes the definition of "regular attendance" to mean attendance in compliance with the:

1. Established written policy of the school district or public, private, or parochial school concerning truancy; or
2. Policy for 16 and 17-year-old students enrolled in an adult education program established the State Board of Career Education; and

Special education or related services means an instruction plan specially designed to meet the unique needs of a student with a disability that adversely affects their educational performance and requires an individualized education program or accommodation commonly known as a "504 Plan".

The bill deletes § 27-16-701(d)(1)(c) which defines "regular attendance" in an adult education program.

Revenue Impact :

None.

Taxpayer Impact :

Taxpayers will have a more detailed definition of "regular attendance" for the purpose of applying for an instruction permit or driver's license.

Resources Required :

None.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

None.

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Legal Analysis :

Currently, for the purposes of establishing application requirements for a driver's license of instruction permit for a person under 18, regular attendance in school is determined by compliance with the school's established written policy of truancy. HB2172 expands the scope of regular attendance determination under § 27-16-701 to include the policy for persons aged 16 and 17 enrolled in an adult education program established by the State Board of Career Education. The definition for "special education or related services" is also added.