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4 By: Representative J. Smith

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 *"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ARKANSAS PYGMALION COMMISSION ON*  
9 *NONTRADITIONAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE*  
10 *EFFECTIVENESS OF USING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE PUBLIC*  
11 *SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."*

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### Subtitle

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. As used in this act:

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(1) "Corporal punishment" means the use or attempted use of physical force upon or against a student, either intentionally or with reckless disregard for the student's safety, as punishment, or in an attempt to modify the behavior, thought, or attitude of a student. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition, or other such recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by the student is not and shall not be construed to be corporal punishment with the meaning and intent of this act.

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(2) "School" means any public elementary or secondary school in Arkansas or in another state.

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(3) "Student" means an individual enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school.

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SECTION 2. (a) The Arkansas Pygmalion Commission on Nontraditional

1 *Education, established under Act 1288 of 1993 and reconstituted under Act 596*  
2 *of 1995, is hereby authorized to conduct a study on the effectiveness of*  
3 *using corporal punishment on students in the public schools.*

4 *(b) If the Pygmalion Commission conducts such study, it shall report*  
5 *all findings to the Governor, the Director of the General Education Division*  
6 *of the Department of Education, the Joint Committee on Children and Youth,*  
7 *and the Joint Interim Committee on Education by no later than November 1,*  
8 *1996.*

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10 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
11 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
12 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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14 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
15 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
16 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
17 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
18 act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
21 hereby repealed.

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23 */s/Rep. J. Smith*  
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