

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1096

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5 By: Representative Young

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-15-503 TO  
10 ALLOW PARENTS TO GIVE NOTICE AT ANY TIME DURING A SEMESTER  
11 OF THEIR INTENT TO PROVIDE A HOME SCHOOL WHEN THEIR CHILD  
12 HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OR WHEN  
13 ILLNESS OR INJURY PREVENT THE CHILD FROM COMPLETING A  
14 SEMESTER IN THE REGULAR CLASSROOM; AND FOR OTHER  
15 PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

17 "TO ALLOW PARENTS TO GIVE NOTICE OF HOME  
18 SCHOOLING ANY TIME DURING A SEMESTER  
19 WHEN THEIR CHILD HAS BEEN EXPELLED OR  
20 WHEN ILLNESS OR INJURY PREVENT THE CHILD  
21 FROM COMPLETING THE SEMESTER IN THE  
22 REGULAR CLASSROOM."

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

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-15-503 is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 "6-15-503. Prerequisites to home schooling.

30 Parents or guardians desiring to provide a home school for their  
31 children must comply with the following requirements:

32 (1)(A) Give written notice to the superintendent of their local school  
33 district by August 15, or by December 15 for the spring semester, of each  
34 school year of their intent to provide a home school for their child;  
35 provided, however, that parents or guardians may give written notice at any  
36 time during a semester when their child has been expelled from the local

1 school district or when a physician certifies that injury or illness will  
2 prevent the child from completing the semester in the regular school  
3 classroom. Notice must include:

- 4 (i) The name, date of birth, grade level, and the name and  
5 address of the school last attended, if any, of each student involved;
- 6 (ii) The location of the home school;
- 7 (iii) The basic core curriculum to be offered;
- 8 (iv) The proposed schedule of instruction; and
- 9 (v) The qualifications of the parent/teachers.

10 (B) This information may be used only for statistical purposes.

11 (2) Agree for students enrolled in the home school who are seven (7)  
12 years old or older on the date of the test to be tested annually by May 1  
13 using a nationally recognized standardized achievement test chosen by the  
14 parents from a list of such tests provided by the State Board of Education.

15 (3) Provide information about any student to be enrolled in the home  
16 school which might indicate the need for special education services."  
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18 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
19 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
20 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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22 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
23 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
24 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
25 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
26 act are declared to be severable.  
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28 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
29 hereby repealed.  
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