

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1135

5 By: Representatives Wilkinson, Dawson, Faris, Milum, Broadway and Wallis
6 By: Senator Roebuck
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE ANN. § 6-18-214 TO REQUIRE
11 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OBTAIN REASONS FOR DROPPING OUT
12 OF SCHOOL FROM THE STUDENTS, THEIR PARENTS, OR GUARDIANS;
13 TO ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO FILE DROPOUT
14 INFORMATION WITH THE REGIONAL SELECTIVE SERVICE AGENCY;
15 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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18 "TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OBTAIN
19 REASONS FOR STUDENTS DROPPING OUT OF
20 SCHOOL."
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-214 is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 "6-18-214. Records of students leaving school without graduating.

27 (a) In addition to the records required by § 6-18-213, a record of
28 students leaving school without completing requirements for high school
29 graduation shall be kept by each school district of the state on forms
30 provided by the Department of Education or on forms approved by the Director
31 of the Department of Education as being suitable for the purposes of showing
32 data on students who leave school without completing the requirements for high
33 school graduation.

34 (b) Such records shall ~~not~~ identify the student by name and last known
35 address. The records shall show, as to each student in grades seven through
36 twelve (7-12) inclusive who had been reported in attendance by the school

1 district for the previous attendance reporting period but who is no longer
2 reported as attending school in that school district, the following
3 information:

- 4 (1) School site;
- 5 (2) ~~Age~~ Date of birth;
- 6 (3) Gender;
- 7 (4) Racial or ethnic identification;
- 8 (5) Educational handicapping condition, if any;
- 9 (6) Reason for leaving. Reporting forms shall include but not be

10 limited to the following reasons for leaving school:

- 11 (A) Enrollment in another accredited public, private, or
- 12 parochial school program leading to a high school diploma;
- 13 (B) Failing grades;
- 14 (C) Lack of interest;
- 15 (D) Conflict with school;
- 16 (E) Suspension or expulsion;
- 17 (F) Economic hardship;
- 18 (G) Pregnancy or marriage;
- 19 (H) Peer conflict;
- 20 (I) Incarceration;
- 21 (J) Alternative plans other than those listed;
- 22 (K) ~~Did not return after end of previous semester and none~~

23 None of the reasons listed herein is known to apply.

24 (c) To the extent possible, the school district shall determine reasons
25 for a student leaving school from the student or from the student's parent,
26 guardian, or other responsible person and shall inform the student that any
27 information obtained will be shared with the Department of Education and other
28 governmental agencies.

29 ~~—(e)(d)(1)~~ Each school district in the state shall file a report on
30 students leaving school without completing requirements for high school
31 graduation as a part of the official attendance report filed with the
32 Department of Education for each quarterly period and shall keep such data on
33 file as part of the basic attendance records in the district for a period of
34 three (3) years.

35 (2) Each school district may provide the regional selective service
36 agency with information on students leaving school without graduation,

1 including each student's name, date of birth, and last known address.

2 ~~——(d)~~(e) The State Board of Education shall develop such forms and shall
3 promulgate such rules, regulations, and procedures as may be required to
4 implement the intent of this section.

5 ~~——(e)~~(f) To provide for more accurate, comparable, and timely dropout and
6 school leaver statistics and to facilitate inclusion in the national education
7 data system, the forms, rules, regulations, and procedures shall be developed
8 and implemented in such a way as to allow for conformity with existing or
9 revised collection processes for the data by the Center for Statistics of the
10 United States Department of Education."

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12 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
13 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
14 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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16 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
17 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
18 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
19 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
20 act are declared to be severable.

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22 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
23 hereby repealed.

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/s/Wilkenson, et al

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