

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1214

4 By: Representatives Hunton and Baker

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 6-5-201 TO EXPAND
9 THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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"TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF THE
CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING"

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

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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-5-201 is amended to read as
19 follows:

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"6-5-201. Definition.

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(a) As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires,

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hazing means:

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(1) Any willful act on or off the property of any school,

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college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1)

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student alone or acting with others which is directed against any other

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student and done for the purpose of intimidating the student attacked by

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threatening him with social or other ostracism or of submitting such student

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to ignominy, shame, or disgrace among his fellow students, and acts calculated

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to produce such results; or

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(2) The playing of abusive or truculent tricks on or off the

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property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution

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in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others, upon another

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student to frighten or scare him; or

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(3) Any willful act on or off the property of any school,

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college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1)

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student alone or acting with others which is directed against any other

1 student done for the purpose of humbling the pride, stifling the ambition, or
 2 impairing the courage of the student attacked or to discourage him from
 3 remaining in that school, college, university, or other educational
 4 institution, or reasonably to cause him to leave the institution rather than
 5 submit to such acts; or

6 (4) Any willful act on or off the property of any school,
 7 college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1)
 8 student alone or acting with others in striking, beating, bruising, or
 9 maiming; or seriously offering, threatening, or attempting to strike, beat,
 10 bruise, or maim; or to do or seriously offer, threaten, or attempt to do
 11 physical violence to any student of any such educational institution; or any
 12 assault upon any such student made for the purpose of committing any of the
 13 acts, or producing any of the results, to such student as defined in this
 14 section.

15 (b) The term hazing as defined in this section does not include
 16 customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions and is not
 17 limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with
 18 initiation into or affiliation with any organization, but rather may also be
 19 applied to other acts committed on or off school property by a student against
 20 another student for any of the purposes described herein."

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

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26 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 27 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 28 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 29 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 30 act are declared to be severable.

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

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