

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1642

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5 By: Representatives Choate and Hogue

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT AMENDING ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-17-106 TO  
10 ESTABLISH INSULT OR ABUSE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AS A  
11 MISDEMEANOR; TO ESTABLISH INSULT OR ABUSE OF EMPLOYEES OF  
12 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION A MISDEMEANOR; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

15 "TO ESTABLISH INSULT OR ABUSE OF PUBLIC  
16 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC  
17 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS A  
18 MISDEMEANOR."  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-17-106 is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 "6-17-106. Insult or abuse of ~~teacher~~ personnel.

26 (a) Any person who shall abuse or insult a public school ~~teacher~~  
27 employee while that ~~teacher~~ employee is performing normal and regular or  
28 assigned school responsibilities in the course of employment by the school  
29 district shall be ~~guilty of~~ deemed to have committed a misdemeanor and upon  
30 ~~conviction~~ a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or being found guilty shall be  
31 liable for a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than  
32 one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

33 (b) Each school district shall report to the Department of Education  
34 any prosecutions within the school ~~districts~~ district under this section."  
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36 SECTION 2. Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code

1 Annotated is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

2 "6-61-223. Insult or abuse of personnel.

3 (a) Any person who shall abuse or insult any employee of a public  
4 institution of higher education while that employee is performing normal and  
5 regular or assigned responsibilities in the course of employment by the  
6 institution shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor and upon a plea of  
7 guilty, nolo contendere, or being found guilty shall be liable for a fine of  
8 not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand five  
9 hundred dollars (\$1,500).

10 (b) Each public institution of higher education shall report to the  
11 Department of Higher Education any prosecutions under this section."

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

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

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

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