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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 459

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-18-502 TO  
10 PROVIDE THAT GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT  
11 DISCIPLINE POLICIES SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR DEALING  
12 WITH STUDENTS WHO ASSAULT OR THREATEN TO ASSAULT OR ABUSE  
13 OTHER STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

15 "TO PROVIDE THAT GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL  
16 DISTRICT DISCIPLINE POLICIES SHALL  
17 INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR DEALING WITH  
18 STUDENTS WHO ASSAULT OTHER STUDENTS."

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-502(b) is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 "(b) Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the  
26 following requirements:

27 (1) Parents, students, and school district personnel, including  
28 teachers, shall be involved in the development of school district student  
29 discipline policies;

30 (2)(A) The student discipline policies shall be reviewed by the  
31 school district's committee on personnel policies annually.

32 (B) The committee may recommend changes in the policies to  
33 the board of directors of the local school district.

34 (3) Student discipline policies shall include, but not be limited  
35 to, the following offenses:

36 (A) Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening

1 to assault or abuse any student or teacher, principal, superintendent, or  
2 other employee of a school system;

3 (B) Possession by students of any firearm or other weapon  
4 prohibited upon the school campus by law or by policies adopted by the school  
5 board;

6 (C) Using, offering for sale, or selling beer, alcoholic  
7 beverages, or other illicit drugs by students on school property;

8 (D) Possession by a student of any paging device, beeper,  
9 or similar electronic communication device on the school campus; however, the  
10 policy may provide an exemption for possession of such a device by a student  
11 who is required to use such a device for health or other compelling reasons;  
12 and

13 (E) Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or  
14 stealing of school property by students."

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

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

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

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