

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1031

5 By: Representative Lendall
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 "AN ACT TO ALLOW COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY,
10 TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS
11 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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13 **Subtitle**

14 "AN ACT TO ALLOW COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY,
15 TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
16 STUDENTS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a) For the purposes of this section:

22 (1) "Student" means any person attending a college, university,
23 technical college or technical institute in the state; and

24 (2) "School official" means any board member or employee of the
25 college, university, technical college or technical institute.

26 (b) The right of students to freedom of expression in publicly
27 supported colleges, universities, technical colleges or technical institutes
28 in the state shall not be abridged, provided that such right shall not cause
29 any disruption or disorder within the school. Freedom of expression shall
30 include without limitation, the rights and responsibilities of students,
31 collectively and individually to:

32 (1) Express their views through speech and symbols;

33 (2) Write, publish and disseminate their views;

34 (3) Assemble peaceably on school property for the purpose of
35 expressing their opinions.

36 (c) Any assembly planned by students during regularly scheduled school

1 hours shall be held only at a time and place approved in advance by the school
2 administrator or the administrator's designee.

3 (d) No expression made by students in the exercise of such rights shall
4 be deemed to be an expression of school policy and no school official shall be
5 held responsible in any civil or criminal action for any expression made or
6 published by the students.

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8 SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature
9 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
10 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
14 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
16 Act are declared to be severable.

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18 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are
19 hereby repealed.

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/s/ Lendall