

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 1834

5 By: Representatives Bookout, Booker, Gullett, C. Johnson, Vess, Wilkins, Willis  
6 By: Senators B. Walker, Roebuck  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-18-501, 502(b), (f),  
11 AND (h), 503(d) AND 506(b) TO PROVIDE FOR STUDENT  
12 DISCIPLINE TRAINING AND GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL  
13 EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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### Subtitle

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17 PROVIDE FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE TRAINING  
18 AND GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND  
19 VOLUNTEERS."  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-18-501 is hereby amended to read as follows:

26 "6-18-501. ~~Teacher's duty~~ Duty of teachers, classified school employees,  
27 and volunteers.

28 Every teacher shall seek to exercise wholesome discipline in his or her  
29 school and endeavor by precept and otherwise to instill and cultivate in the  
30 pupils good morals and gentle manners. Classified school employees and  
31 volunteers shall have, as a minimum, the responsibility to appropriately  
32 assist and support teachers in these efforts."  
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-18-502(c) is amended to read as follows:

35 "(c) The school discipline policies shall:

36 (1) Prescribe minimum and maximum penalties, including students'

1 suspension or dismissal from school, for violations of each of the  
2 aforementioned offenses and for violations of other practices prohibited by  
3 school discipline policies;

4 (2) Prescribe expulsion from school for a period of not less than  
5 one (1) year for possession of any firearm or other weapon prohibited upon the  
6 school campus by law; provided, however, that the superintendent shall have  
7 discretion to modify such expulsion requirement for a student on a case-by-  
8 case basis;

9 (3) Establish procedures for notice to students and parents of  
10 charges, hearings, and other due process proceedings to be applicable in the  
11 enforcement and administration of such policies by the school administrator  
12 and by the school board; ~~and~~

13 (4) Include prevention, intervention, and conflict resolution  
14 provisions; and

15 (5) Set forth the role and authority of public school employees  
16 and volunteers as provided in this subchapter."

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18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 6-18-502(f) is hereby amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 "(f) Teachers and administrators, classified school employees and  
21 volunteers shall be provided with appropriate student discipline training as  
22 ~~needed in classroom management and in other skills relevant to student~~  
23 ~~discipline."~~

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25 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 6-18-506(b) is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 "(b) Every school district board of directors shall adopt and file with  
28 the Department of Education written policies concerning the violation of  
29 school standards such as disrespect for teachers and classified school  
30 employees, vandalism, and other undesirable behavioral patterns."

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32 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
33 /s/ Bookout, et al  
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