

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

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 243

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5 By: Senator Bisbee  
6 By: Representative Bledsoe

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 6-17-112 TO PROVIDE  
11 THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND  
12 VOLUNTEERS HAVE IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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16 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL  
17 DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS  
18 HAVE IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS."

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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 6-17-112 is amended to read as follows:

24 ~~"6-17-112. Corporal punishment—Immunity from liability.~~

25 (a) ~~Teachers and administrators~~ School directors and school employees in  
26 a school district that authorizes use of corporal punishment in the district's  
27 written student discipline policy shall be immune from any civil liability for  
28 administering corporal punishment to students, provided only that the corporal  
29 punishment is administered in substantial compliance with the district's  
30 written student discipline policy.

31 ~~(b) As used in subsection (a) of this section, 'teachers and~~  
32 ~~administrators' means those persons employed by a school district and required~~  
33 ~~to have a state-issued certificate as a condition of their employment.~~

34 (b) School district directors, employees, and volunteers may employ  
35 reasonable force in instances in which an individual threatens the safety of  
36 any other individual during a school activity. The school district director,

1 teacher, administrator, or volunteer shall not be criminally or civilly liable  
2 for the use of reasonable force."

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

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8 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
12 act are declared to be severable.

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