

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT MANDATING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF STUDENTS REPORTED TO, INTERVIEWED BY, OR TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT MANDATING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF STUDENTS REPORTED TO, INTERVIEWED BY, OR TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

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

SECTION 1. Parental notification.

(a) A school or school district shall comply with subdivision (b) of this act if the school or school district, with respect to a student under the age of eighteen (18):

(1) Makes a report to any law enforcement agency concerning student misconduct;

(2) Grants law enforcement personnel, other than a school resource officer acting in the normal course and scope of his assigned duties, access to a student; or

(3) Knows a student has been taken into custody by law enforcement personnel during the school day or while under school supervision.

(b)(1) The principal, or in the principal's absence, the principal's designee, shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to contact the student's

1 parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student
2 by court order, or person acting in loco parentis listed on student
3 enrollment forms.

4 (2) The principal or designee shall give the parent, legal
5 guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student under an order
6 of court or person acting in loco parentis, notice that the student has been
7 reported to, interviewed by, or taken into custody by law enforcement
8 personnel.

9 (3) If the principal or designee is unable to reach the parent,
10 he or she shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to get a message to the
11 parent to call either the principal or designee, and leave both a day and an
12 after hours telephone number.

13 (c) Notification is not required if school personnel make a
14 report or file a complaint based on suspected child abuse or neglect as
15 required under § 12-12-507 or if student access is granted to law enforcement
16 personnel for purposes of investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect.

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18 /s/ Dangeau, et al.
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