

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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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2435

By: Representative Bright

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-13-209 CONCERNING
ABUSE OF ATHLETIC CONTEST OFFICIALS; TO ESTABLISH
THE "BRANDON BURLSWORTH SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD"; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-13-209 is amended to read as follows:

5-13-209. Abuse of athletic contest officials.

(a) Any person, with the purpose of causing physical injury to another
person, who shall attack, strike, verbally threaten serious harm to, stalk,
or otherwise physically abuse an athletic contest official immediately prior
to, during, or immediately following an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or
any other organized amateur or professional athletic contest in which the
athletic contest official is participating shall be guilty of a Class A
misdemeanor.

(b) Any person who pleads guilty, nolo contendere, or is found guilty
of violating subsection (a) of this section may be enjoined from future
athletic contests which take place in the facility or location where the
abuse was committed for up to one (1) year.

SECTION 2. (a) Beginning school year 2001-2002, and each year

1 thereafter, the Arkansas Activities Association shall present awards,
2 pursuant to guidelines developed by the association, to the top male and
3 female athletes who have attained the highest level of athletic achievement
4 while at the same time displaying the highest level of sportsmanship.

5 (b) The awards shall each be known as the "Brandon Burlsworth
6 Sportsmanship Award".

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