

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2487

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5 By: Representative Roebuck
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL
10 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SCHOOLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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Subtitle

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-60-501 through 6-60-504 is repealed:

25 ~~6-60-501. Purpose.~~

26 ~~(a) Immunizations against measles, rubella, and other communicable~~
27 ~~diseases have resulted in a dramatic decrease in the incidence of these~~
28 ~~diseases in this country.~~

29 ~~(b) However, these diseases continue to occur on campuses of American~~
30 ~~colleges and universities, and a more intensified effort is needed to prevent~~
31 ~~and control these diseases.~~

32 ~~(c) A requirement that certain college and university enrollees~~
33 ~~furnish proof that they have immunity against certain communicable diseases~~
34 ~~will alleviate the potential for an outbreak of those diseases.~~

35 ~~(d) The purpose of this legislation is to assure that certain~~
36 ~~enrollees of public and private colleges and universities in Arkansas, prior~~

1 to attendance, furnish proof of immunity against measles, rubella, and other
2 diseases designated by the State Board of Health.

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4 ~~6-60-502. Proof of immunity.~~

5 No part-time student housed in on-campus premises and no full-time
6 student may attend a public or private college or university in this state
7 unless he or she has furnished proof, within such time as set by the college
8 or university, but not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days after enrollment,
9 by way of an official record from another educational institution in Arkansas
10 or a certificate from a licensed medical doctor or an authorized public
11 health department representative, that he or she has immunity against
12 measles, rubella, and such other diseases as delineated by the State Board of
13 Health.

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15 ~~6-60-503. Rules and regulations—Enforcement.~~

16 (a) The State Board of Health is empowered to promulgate rules and
17 regulations for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this subchapter,
18 including, but not limited to, the authority to examine records and conduct
19 investigations to assure compliance.

20 (b) The responsibility for the enforcement of these requirements rests with
21 the directors of admissions or registration at each college or university.

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23 ~~6-60-504. Physical disabilities—Religious objections.~~

24 (a) If, at the discretion of a medical doctor licensed to practice in
25 Arkansas, an individual is deemed to have a physical disability which may
26 contraindicate one (1) or more of the vaccinations required by this
27 subchapter, a certificate approved by the Department of Health and signed by
28 the medical doctor may be accepted in lieu of proof of vaccination.

29 (b) The provisions of this subchapter shall not apply if the
30 individual furnishes to the college or university written proof from a church
31 or denomination official that the immunization conflicts with the religious
32 tenets and practices of the recognized church or religious denomination of
33 which the individual is an adherent or member.