

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
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1249

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5 By: Representative Key
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A WORK EXEMPTION FOR HIGH
10 SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 EMPLOYED.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-211 is amended to read as follows:

22 6-18-211. Mandatory attendance for students in grades nine through
23 twelve.

24 (a) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, students in grades nine
25 through twelve (9-12) shall be required to schedule and attend a full school
26 day.

27 (b)(1) No later than January 30, 2004, the State Board of Education
28 shall promulgate regulations that require students in grades nine through
29 twelve (9-12) to enroll in no fewer than three hundred fifty (350) minutes of
30 planned instructional time each day as a requirement for graduation.

31 (2)(A) The regulations shall allow local school boards of
32 directors to develop policies to allow:

33 (i) Students to be assigned to no more than one (1)
34 class period each day for a study hall period that the student shall be
35 required to attend and participate in for a full class period of self-study
36 or organized tutoring in the school building; and



1 (ii)(a) No more than one (1) class period each day
2 for organized and scheduled student extracurricular classes to be included as
3 planned instructional time.

4 (b) If the extracurricular class is related to
5 a seasonal activity, the class must continue to meet after the season ends to
6 be counted toward the requirement of planned instructional time.

7 (B) The regulations shall allow local school boards of
8 directors to develop policies for granting waivers to students who would
9 experience proven financial hardships if required to attend a full school
10 day.

11 (C)(i) In addition to a waiver for financial hardships,
12 the regulations shall require local school boards of directors to develop
13 policies for granting work waivers to students who are gainfully employed.

14 (ii) To be eligible for a work waiver, the student's
15 employer must provide the school district with written confirmation that the
16 student is employed.

17 (iii) No student shall be allowed a work waiver for
18 more than two (2) hours per school day.

19 (c) Enrollment and attendance in vocational-educational training
20 courses, college courses, school work programs, and other department-
21 sanctioned educational programs may be used to satisfy the requirements of
22 this section even if the programs are not located at the public schools.

23 (d) Nothing in this section and § 6-18-210 precludes a student who has
24 met all graduation requirements from graduating early.

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