

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
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2461

5 By: Representative Anderson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
10 FOR STUDENTS SERVING AS PAGES FOR THE GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE
14 FROM SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS SERVING AS
15 PAGES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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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 Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 229 is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 6-18-229. Pages.

24 (a) If a student is invited by a member of the General Assembly to
25 serve as a page for the General Assembly during a legislative session, the
26 student shall be excused without penalty from attendance at school for the
27 one (1) day the student is serving as a page.

28 (b) A school may excuse a student without penalty for one (1)
29 additional day to allow for travel time to and from the state Capitol
30 building to serve as a page.

31 (c) No student shall be allowed more than one (1) excused day for
32 paging and one (1) excused day for travel under this section.
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34 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
35 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that a student's exposure to the
36 legislative process is a important learning opportunity; that students are



1 often asked to serve as pages during sessions of the General Assembly and
2 those students should be allowed to serve without penalty for the absence;
3 and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that a student serving
4 as a page during the 2005 legislative session is not penalized for his or her
5 service. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being
6 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and
7 safety shall become effective on:

8 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

9 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
10 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
11 bill; or

12 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
13 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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