

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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As Engrossed: H3/18/05

# 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

14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXCUSED ABSENCE  
15 FROM SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS SERVING AS  
16 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 and may be excused for  
28 additional days at the discretion of the school district.  
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30 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
31 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that a student's exposure to the  
32 legislative process is a important learning opportunity; that students are  
33 often asked to serve as pages during sessions of the General Assembly and  
34 those students should be allowed to serve without penalty for the absence;  
35 and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that a student serving  
36 as a page during the 2005 legislative session is not penalized for his or her



1 service. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
2 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and  
3 safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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