

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 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2617

5 By: Representative Powers
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REPEAL OBSOLETE LAWS REQUIRING
10 SCREENING FOR SCOLIOSIS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO REPEAL OBSOLETE LAWS REQUIRING
14 SCREENING FOR SCOLIOSIS.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 15, Subchapter 8 is
20 repealed.

21 ~~20-15-801. Legislative determination.~~

22 ~~(a) The General Assembly recognizes that scoliosis is a terrible~~
23 ~~disease of the spine which attacks young children during their formative~~
24 ~~years and that the spinal curvature can be relatively easily detected and~~
25 ~~should be treated as early as possible.~~

26 ~~(b) The General Assembly has determined that the most logical entities~~
27 ~~to conduct a scoliosis screening program are our private schools, public~~
28 ~~schools, and other state supported institutions providing education to our~~
29 ~~children.~~
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31 ~~20-15-802. Screening program.~~

32 ~~Every public elementary and secondary school in this state, every other~~
33 ~~institution supported by state funds which provides education to our minor~~
34 ~~children, and all private institutions which provide education to our minor~~
35 ~~children shall as soon as possible institute a continuing scoliosis screening~~
36 ~~program to be conducted in accordance with regulations promulgated by the~~



1 ~~State Board of Health.~~

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~~20-15-803. Regulations.~~

~~(a) The State Board of Health is directed to promulgate regulations as soon as possible to implement this subchapter.~~

~~(b) The regulations shall not be effective until concurred in by the State Board of Education.~~

~~(c) The regulations shall provide that no child shall be screened if his or her parent or guardian objects to the screening in writing, stating as the basis of the objection that it is contrary to the parent's or guardian's religious beliefs.~~

~~(d) The regulations shall provide that the schools shall not be required to hire personnel on a full time, part time, or consultant basis to conduct the screening, but they shall utilize school health personnel, volunteers, and other school employees who are not classroom teachers and who meet the qualifications prescribed by the regulations.~~