

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
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2636

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5 By: Representative Patterson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT EXCESSIVE TRANSPORTATION TIME
10 FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN ISOLATED SCHOOLS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT EXCESSIVE
15 TRANSPORTATION TIME FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
16 STUDENTS IN ISOLATED SCHOOLS.
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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 § 6-20-605 is amended to read as follows:
22 6-20-605. Excessive transportation time.

23 (a) The Department of Education shall conduct a study of isolated
24 schools to determine the most efficient method of providing opportunities for
25 an adequate and substantially equal education for students in isolated
26 schools without excessive transportation time.

27 (b) Upon completion of the study, the department shall issue rules to
28 govern the time that students are transported to and from isolated schools
29 that include without limitation, a definition of excessive transportation
30 time.

31 (c) No student enrolled in an isolated school shall be transported for
32 a period of time that is longer than the time defined by the department as
33 excessive transportation time without the consent of the department.

34 (d) Until the study is completed under subsection (a) of this section
35 and the department has issued its rules under subsection (b) of this section,
36 no public school district may close an isolated school if the closure will



1 result in any student's one-way transportation time exceeding seventy-five
2 (75) minutes, except with the consent of the department.

3 (e) As used in this section:

4 (1) "One-way transportation time" means:

5 (A) The period beginning when a student enters a vehicle
6 for transportation to school and ending when the student exits the vehicle at
7 school; or

8 (B) The period beginning when a student enters a vehicle
9 at school and ending when the student exits the vehicle at the point of
10 origin in subdivision (e)(1)(A) of this section;

11 (2) "Student" means a student enrolled in an isolated school;
12 and

13 (3) "Transportation" means transportation of students to and
14 from school provided by a school district.