

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  
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3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2714

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5 By: Representative Bond  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND § 6-15-503 TO REQUIRE THE PARENT  
10 OR GUARDIAN PROVIDING HOME SCHOOLING TO HAVE A  
11 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR HAVE PASSED A GENERAL  
12 EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TEST; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-503(a), concerning prerequisites to  
26 home schooling, is amended to read as follows:

27 (a)(1) A Parents or guardians parent or guardian desiring who intends  
28 to provide a home school for their his or her children must child or ward  
29 shall give written notice to the superintendent of their the local school  
30 district;

31 (A) Written notice of their his of her intent to provide a home  
32 school for their children his or her child or ward; and

33 (B)(i) sign a A waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas  
34 is not liable for the education of their children his or her child or ward  
35 while attending the home school during the time that the parents choose to  
36 home school+.



~~(A)~~(ii) The waiver shall be provided:

(a) At the beginning of each school year but no later than August 15; ~~or~~

~~(B)~~(b) By December 15 for ~~parents~~ a parent or guardian who ~~decide~~ decides to start home schooling at the beginning of the spring semester; or

~~(C)~~(c)(1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, fourteen (14) calendar days prior to withdrawing the ~~children~~ child or ward from the local school district and at the beginning of each school year thereafter.

(2) ~~The superintendent~~ superintendent or the local school board may waive the fourteen-day waiting period set in subdivision (a)(1)(C)(ii)(c)(1) of this subsection; and

(C) Effective January 1, 2008, proof of the parent's or the guardians' receipt of a high school diploma or the passing of a general education development test.

(2) Within thirty (30) calendar days of establishing residency within the district, ~~parents or guardians~~ a parent or guardian moving into the school district during the school year ~~must~~ shall give ~~written notice~~ to the superintendent of ~~their~~ the local school district:

(A) Written notice of their his or her intent to provide a home school for their children his or her child or ward; and

(B) ~~sign a~~ A waiver acknowledging that the State of Arkansas is not liable for the education of ~~their children~~ his or her child or ward while attending the home school during the time that the parents choose to home school; and

(C) Effective January 1, 2008, proof of the parent's or guardian's receipt of a high school diploma or the passing of a general education development test.

(3) The notice required under subdivisions (a)(1)(A) and (a)(2)(A) of this section shall:

(A) ~~must include~~ Include:

~~(A)~~(i) The name, date of birth, grade level, and name and address of the school last attended, if any, of each student involved;

~~(B)~~(ii) The location of the home school;

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~~(C)(iii)~~ The basic core curriculum to be offered;  
~~(D)(iv)~~ The proposed schedule of instruction; and  
~~(E)(v)~~ The qualifications of the parent-teacher or  
guardian-teacher-; and

~~(4)(B) Parents or guardians shall deliver written notice in person~~ Be delivered in person by the parent or guardian to the superintendent of ~~their~~ the local school district the first time ~~such~~ notice is given.