

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 659

5 By: Senators Bisbee, Hendren
6 By: Representatives Kenney, Anderson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-17-101
11 CONCERNING HEALTH CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
12 EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 6-17-101
15 CONCERNING HEALTH CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC
16 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-101(a), concerning tuberculosis
23 screening for newly hired public school employees, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 (a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(4) of this section, ~~Prior~~
26 prior to beginning employment each school year, every newly hired public
27 school employee within this state shall present to the secretary of the board
28 of directors of the employing district a certificate of health dated not more
29 than ninety (90) days prior to the date of its presentation stating that the
30 employee is free from tuberculosis.

31 (2) The status of the individual regarding possible tuberculosis
32 infection must be determined by a method prescribed by regulation of the
33 State Board of Health, and reactors must undergo sufficient additional tests
34 prescribed by regulation of the board and shall be scheduled for a periodic
35 reexamination according to their risk status.

36 (3) Certificates of health stating that public school employees



1 are free from tuberculosis infection may be issued by a regularly licensed
2 physician or regularly constituted health authority, but interpretation of
3 any X ray film must be made by a competent roentgenologist or physician
4 experienced in tuberculosis.

5 (4) A newly hired employee who has had the required screening
6 performed in the United States within the six (6) months prior to employment
7 will not be required to have it repeated, provided that the employee presents
8 documentation to the hiring school district in accordance with rules
9 established by the State Board of Health.

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