

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.

State of Arkansas

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87th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL 1581

By: Representatives J. Edwards, Harrelson, Saunders

By: Senator D. Wyatt

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE PASSENGER
TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ENHANCE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE
PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN IN
CHILD CARE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. The purpose of this act is to enhance safe and responsible passenger transportation of children in child care by requiring appropriate liability insurance and driver training.

SECTION 2. (a) The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services is directed, in collaboration with the State Insurance Department, to develop and promulgate rules requiring sufficient and appropriate minimum levels of general liability insurance coverage for licensed child care centers and licensed and registered child care family homes, including coverage for transportation services when applicable.

(b) The division shall promulgate rules requiring all drivers of vehicles transporting children on behalf of licensed child care centers and licensed and registered child care family homes to complete a comprehensive program of driver safety training.



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2 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. The rules that require liability insurance
3 and driver safety training shall be in effect no later than December 31,
4 2009.

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6 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
7 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the transportation of children
8 is an integral part of child care services and subjects the children to a
9 risk of injury which can be minimalized and insured against; and that this
10 act is immediately necessary to provide protection to children served by
11 various child care centers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and
12 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
13 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

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

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

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

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