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
87th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2009
SENATE BILL 85

By: Senator J. Key

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW BLOOD DONATIONS BY SIXTEEN (16)
YEAR OLDS WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-27-301 is amended to read as follows:
20-27-301. Donation by minors seventeen (17) years of age or older Written permission required for minors sixteen (16) years of age.
(a)(1) Any minor who has reached seventeen (17) years of age may act as a blood donor to any nonprofit blood bank or any licensed hospital without consideration.
(b)(2) The consent of the minor seventeen (17) years of age or older shall not be subject to disaffirmance because of the minority of the donor.
(3) The consent of the parent or guardian of the minor seventeen (17) years of age or older shall not be necessary to authorize the taking of blood from the minor.
(b) A minor sixteen (16) years of age may act as a blood donor to a nonprofit blood bank or a licensed hospital without consideration, if the minor sixteen (16) years of age obtains written permission or authorization from his or her parent or guardian.

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(c) However, nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve any relieves a blood bank or hospital or its agents or employees from civil liability for any negligence in taking the blood of a minor.
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