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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 239

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED FOR  
9 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE STUDENTS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

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14 TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED FOR  
15 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE STUDENTS.

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

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1708 is amended to read as follows:  
21 6-18-1708. Violations.

22 An organization ~~that fails to register as required by this subchapter~~  
23 ~~or that submits false or incorrect information to the Secretary of State in~~  
24 ~~filing statements required by this subchapter, whether or not the statement~~  
25 ~~or report is verified,~~ shall be prohibited from placing not place foreign  
26 exchange students with a host family or in a public or private school in this  
27 state during the following academic year- if the organization:

28 (1) Fails to register as required under this subchapter;

29 (2) Submits false or incorrect information to the Secretary of  
30 State in filing statements required under this subchapter; or

31 (3) Places three (3) or more students in abusive host families,  
32 as determined by the Department of Human Services, during a one-year period.

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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 17, is  
35 amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

36 6-18-1709. Current international student exchange list.



1           (a) By September 1 each year, each organization shall provide a list  
2 of foreign exchange students placed in Arkansas for the current school year,  
3 including the:

4                   (1) Name of the student;

5                   (2) Home country of the student;

6                   (3) Name, address, and telephone number of the student's parent  
7 or legal guardian;

8                   (4) Name, address, and telephone number of the student's host  
9 family; and

10                   (5) Public or Private school the student attends.

11           (b) The Secretary of State shall maintain a list of foreign exchange  
12 students placed in Arkansas for the current school year using the information  
13 provided under subsection (a) of this section.

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15           6-18-1710. Safety – Fines.

16           (a) An organization shall adopt policies to ensure that no foreign  
17 exchange student is subjected to child maltreatment.

18           (b)(1) If the Department of Human Services investigates and makes a  
19 true finding of child maltreatment against a foreign exchange student, the  
20 department shall notify the Secretary of State and the organization shall be:

21                   (A) Fined five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the first  
22 occurrence;

23                   (B) Fined ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the second  
24 occurrence; and

25                   (C) Banned from registering in the state for the third  
26 occurrence.

27           (2) Fines collected by the Secretary of State under this section  
28 shall be deposited into the State Treasury and credited to the General  
29 Revenue Fund.

30           (c) The Secretary of State, upon notification of a true finding of  
31 child maltreatment against a foreign exchange student, shall report the  
32 occurrence and the organization to the Council on Standards for International  
33 Educational Travel and the United States Department of State.