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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1361

5 By: Representative Hickerson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING LEAVE FOR
9 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE
10 UNIFORM ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE POLICY ACT; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES; AND TO AMEND
16 PORTIONS OF THE UNIFORM ATTENDANCE AND
17 LEAVE POLICY ACT.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-4-216(a)(2), concerning the definition
24 of "educational activity", is amended to read as follows:

25 (2)(A) "Educational activity" means any school-sponsored activity.

26 (B) "Educational activity" includes without limitation:

27 (i) ~~A~~ Attending a parent-teacher conference;

28 (ii) ~~Participation~~ Participating in school-sponsored
29 tutoring of the child;

30 (iii) ~~Participation~~ Participating in a ~~school-~~
31 ~~sponsored~~ volunteer program sponsored by the school in which the child is
32 enrolled;

33 (iv) ~~A~~ Attending a field trip with the child;

34 (v) ~~A classroom~~ Attending a school-sponsored program
35 or ceremony in which the child is participating;

36 (vi) Attending a graduation or homecoming ceremony



1 in which the child is participating;

2 (vii) Attending an awards or scholarship
 3 presentation in which the child is participating;

4 (viii) Attending a parents' or grandparents'
 5 breakfast in which the child is participating;

6 (ix) Attending a classroom party in which the child
 7 is participating;

8 (x) A Attending a school committee meeting of the
 9 school in which the child is enrolled;

10 ~~(vii) An~~ (xi) Attending an academic competition in
 11 which the child is participating;

12 ~~(viii) Assisting with~~ (xii) Attending an athletic,
 13 music, or theater programs program in which the child is enrolled; and

14 ~~(ix) Any~~ (xiii) Engaging in any of the activities
 15 listed in subdivisions ~~(a)(2)(B)(i)-(viii)~~ (a)(2)(B)(i)-(xii) of this section
 16 that are connected with a prekindergarten program;

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 18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-4-216(b)(1), concerning hours
 19 educational activity leave, is amended to read as follows:

20 (b)(1) All state employees shall be entitled to eight (8) hours of
 21 leave during any one (1) calendar year for the purpose of ~~attending or~~
 22 ~~assisting with~~ engaging in and traveling to or from the educational
 23 activities of a child.