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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1612

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5 By: Representative Rushing

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REQUIRED
9 NOTIFICATIONS TO A PROSECUTING AUTHORITY REGARDING A
10 STUDENT'S UNEXCUSED ABSENCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REQUIRED
15 NOTIFICATIONS TO A PROSECUTING AUTHORITY
16 REGARDING A STUDENT'S UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(a)(5)(A), concerning notifications
22 of unexcused student absences provided by a school district or an adult
23 education program, is amended to read as follows:

24 (5)(A) When a student exceeds or uses fifty percent (50%) of the
25 number of unexcused absences provided for in the district's or the ~~State~~
26 ~~Board of Career Education's~~ Career Education and Workforce Development
27 Board's student attendance policy, or when a student has violated the
28 conditions of an agreement granting special arrangements under subdivision
29 (a)(4)(D) of this section, the school district or the adult education program
30 ~~shall~~ may notify the prosecuting authority ~~and the community truancy board,~~
31 ~~if a community truancy board has been created,~~ and the student's parent,
32 guardian, or person in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty
33 through a family in need of services action in circuit court, as authorized
34 under subdivision (a)(6)(A) of this section, but not to exceed five hundred
35 dollars (\$500) plus costs of court and any reasonable fees assessed by the
36 court.



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(a)(6)(A)(i), concerning family in
3 need of services petitions filed by a prosecuting authority, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (6)(A)(i) Upon ~~notification by~~ receiving a notice under
6 subdivision (a)(5)(A) of this section and a request for a petition to be
7 filed from the school district or the adult education program ~~to the~~
8 ~~prosecuting authority~~, the prosecuting authority shall file in circuit court
9 a truancy and a family in need of services petition ~~pursuant to~~ under § 9-27-
10 310 or enter into a diversion agreement with the student ~~pursuant to~~ under §
11 9-27-323.