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2   92nd General Assembly

A Bill

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5   By: Representatives L. Johnson, Boyd

6   By: Senator Hester

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9   AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RULES

10   INVOLVING SCOLIOSIS SCREENING IN SCHOOLS; AND FOR

11   OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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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 § 20-15-803 is amended to read as follows:

22   20-15-803. ~~Regulations~~ Rules.

23   (a) The ~~State Board of Health is directed to~~ Department of Education,

24 in coordination with the State Board of Health, shall promulgate ~~regulations~~

25 rules as soon as possible to implement this subchapter.

26   ~~(b) The regulations shall not be effective until concurred in by the~~

27 ~~State Board of Education.~~

28   ~~(c)~~(b) The ~~regulations~~ rules shall provide that:

29   (1) A ~~no~~ child ~~shall be~~ is not screened if his or her parent or

30 guardian objects to the screening in writing, stating as the basis of the

31 objection that it is contrary to the parent's or guardian's religious

32 beliefs~~.~~; and

33   ~~(d)~~(2) ~~The regulations shall provide that the schools shall not be~~ A

34 school is not required to hire personnel on a full-time, part-time, or

35 consultant basis to conduct the screening, but ~~they~~ shall utilize school

36 health personnel, volunteers, and other school employees who are not

1 classroom teachers and who meet the qualifications prescribed by the

2 ~~regulations~~ <u>rules</u>.

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