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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING AGE AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR
9 ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF
10 INDIVIDUALS FOR WHOM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL BE OPEN AND
11 FREE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL BE OPEN AND FREE.
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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 § 6-18-202(b)(1) and (2), concerning the
24 individuals for whom public schools of any school district in the State of
25 Arkansas shall be open and free, are amended to read as follows:

26 (b)(1) The public schools of any school district in this state shall
27 be open and free through completion of the secondary program to all persons
28 in this state between five (5) and twenty-one (21) years of age ~~whose:~~

29 (A) Whose parent, legal guardian, person having lawful
30 control of the person, or person standing in loco parentis resides within the
31 school district; ~~and to all persons between those ages who~~

32 (B) Who have been legally transferred to the school
33 district for education purposes.

34 (2) For purposes of this section, a student may use the
35 residential address of a legal guardian, person having legal, lawful control
36 of the student under order of a court, or person standing in loco parentis



1 only if the ~~student~~;

2 (A) Student resides at the same residential address; and
 3 ~~if the guardianship~~

4 (B)(i) Guardianship or other legal authority of the
 5 student is not granted solely for educational needs or school attendance
 6 purposes.

7 (ii) However, subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this
 8 section shall not apply to a host family of an international exchange student
 9 placed by an international student exchange visitor placement organization
 10 under the International Student Exchange Visitor Placement Organization
 11 Registration Act, § 6-18-1701 et seq.

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 13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-202(g), concerning age and residence
 14 for attending public schools and students' ability to participate in the
 15 Public School Choice Act of 2015, is amended to add an additional subsection
 16 to read as follows:

17 (g) This section shall not be construed to restrict a student's
 18 ability to ~~participate~~;

19 (1) Participate in a tuition agreement with a nonresident school
 20 district; ~~or to officially~~

21 (2) Officially transfer to another school district pursuant to
 22 the Public School Choice Act of 2015, § 6-18-1901 et seq.; or

23 (3) Attend school as an international exchange student placed
 24 with a host family by an international student exchange visitor placement
 25 organization under the International Student Exchange Visitor Placement
 26 Organization Registration Act, § 6-18-1701 et seq.

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 28 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 2, is amended
 29 to add an additional section to read as follows:

30 6-18-234. Attendance of international exchange student – Required –
 31 Definitions.

32 (a) As used in this section:

33 (1) "Host family" means the individual or family with whom an
 34 international exchange student is placed by an international student exchange
 35 visitor placement organization under the International Student Exchange
 36 Visitor Placement Organization Registration Act, § 6-18-1701 et seq.; and

1 (2) "International exchange student" means a student who is
2 placed with a host family by an international student exchange visitor
3 placement organization under the International Student Exchange Visitor
4 Placement Organization Registration Act, § 6-18-1701 et seq.

5 (b) A public school in the public school district in which a host
6 family resides shall admit for enrollment and attendance at the public school
7 an international exchange student who has been placed with the host family.

8 (c) A public school district that admits an international exchange
9 student may:

10 (1)(A) Upon his or her arrival, require the international
11 exchange student to submit to quarantine to prevent the spread of infectious
12 diseases as may be necessary.

13 (B) A quarantine required under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of
14 this section shall not exceed seven (7) days unless otherwise recommended by
15 the Department of Health or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

16 (2) Expel or suspend the international exchange student from the
17 public school based on a:

18 (A) Violation of the school district's written student
19 discipline policies, as required under § 6-18-507; or

20 (B) Danger that the international exchange student
21 presents to the students attending and individuals employed by the school
22 district.

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