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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 285

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABSENCES FROM  
9 SCHOOL; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR A  
10 STUDENT WHO ACCOMPANIES THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL  
11 GUARDIAN TO VOTE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 SCHOOL; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCUSED  
17 ABSENCE FOR A STUDENT WHO ACCOMPANIES THE  
18 STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO  
19 VOTE.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 2, is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-18-234. Voting – Excused absence.

27 (a) A student enrolled in a school shall not be considered absent from  
28 the school in which the student is enrolled for the time during which the  
29 student accompanies the student's parent when the parent is exercising his or  
30 her right to vote in a scheduled election.

31 (b) As used in this section:

32 (1) "Parent" means a student's parent, legal guardian, or person  
33 standing in loco parentis to the student; and

34 (2) "School" means a school that is funded in whole or in part  
35 by state funds.  
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