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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1482

By: Representative Gramlich
By: Senator J. Boyd

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR
STUDENTS; TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION TO THE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT WHO TAKES A GED
TEST AND RECEIVES A GED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION TO THE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A STUDENT
WHO TAKES A GED TEST AND RECEIVES A GED.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-201(a)(2), concerning exceptions to
the requirement that each child of a certain age shall enroll in and attend a
school, is amended to read as follows:

(2) A child who has received a GED or a high school diploma or
its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education is not subject
to the attendance requirement under this section;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-201(d), concerning requirements a
student must meet in order to take a GED test while enrolled is amended to
read as follows:

(d) Students age sixteen (16) or above enrolled in a public, private,
parochial, or home school who desire to take the GED test shall meet the
following requirements:

(1) A public school student shall ~~not be required to~~ obtain
permission or approval from ~~any official in a~~ the public school district in



1 which he or she is enrolled before being allowed to take the test;

2 (2) A student enrolled in a private or parochial school shall
3 provide a letter from the principal or administrator of the private or
4 parochial school to verify enrollment;

5 (3) A student enrolled in a home school shall provide a
6 notarized copy of the notice of intent to home school provided to the
7 superintendent of the local school district as required by § 6-15-503; and

8 (4) A student enrolled in a public, private, parochial, or home
9 school must achieve at least the minimum official GED practice test scores.

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