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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1266

By: Representative Richey

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR A SPOUSE OF  
A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO BE A VOLUNTEER OR A  
REGISTERED VOLUNTEER UPON APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL  
*BOARD; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER*  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

*TO ALLOW A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OR A  
SPOUSE OF A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO BE A  
VOLUNTEER OR A REGISTERED VOLUNTEER UPON  
APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL BOARD; AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-22-105(c), concerning requirements for registered volunteers, is amended to read as follows:

*(c)(1) A volunteer or registered volunteer may not be a member of the board of directors of the school district or the spouse of a member of the board of directors of the school district in which he or she seeks to volunteer unless approved by the board of directors of the school district.*

*(2) The approval granted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be valid for a period of one (1) calendar year.*

*SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is a shortage of registered volunteers available for the public schools of this state; that*



under current, law members of the board of directors of a public school district and their spouses are prohibited from volunteering in the public school district in which the members of the board of directors serve; that members of the board of directors of a public school district and their spouses are members of the community of the public school district and have an interest in serving the public school district in every way possible; and that this act is immediately necessary so that public school districts can benefit from the valuable service members of the board of directors of a public school district and their spouses can bring as registered volunteers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/Richey

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