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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1641

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RULES  
INVOLVING SCOLIOSIS SCREENING IN SCHOOLS; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RULES  
INVOLVING SCOLIOSIS SCREENING IN SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-15-803 is amended to read as follows:

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

(a) ~~The State Board of Health is directed to~~ Department of Education,  
in coordination with the State Board of Health, shall promulgate ~~regulations~~  
rules as soon as possible to implement this subchapter.

~~(b) The regulations shall not be effective until concurred in by the  
State Board of Education.~~

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

(1) ~~A~~ no child ~~shall be~~ is not screened if his or her parent or  
guardian objects to the screening in writing, stating as the basis of the  
objection that it is contrary to the parent's or guardian's religious  
beliefs; ~~and~~

~~(d)~~ (2) ~~The regulations shall provide that the schools shall not be~~ A  
school is not required to hire personnel on a full-time, part-time, or  
consultant basis to conduct the screening, but ~~they~~ shall utilize school  
health personnel, volunteers, and other school employees who are not



classroom teachers and who meet the qualifications prescribed by the  
~~regulations~~ rules.

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