

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 576

By: Senator A. Clark  
By: Representative Cozart

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

*AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO ADOPT ATTENDANCE  
POLICY REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR  
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL VIRTUALLY OR  
REMOTELY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

### **Subtitle**

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ATTENDANCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-213(a)(2), concerning an attendance record kept by each school district, is amended to read as follows:*

*(2)(A) This basic record, showing the daily attendance and absence of each student for the school year, shall be kept by a teacher or other officially designated person who notes the attendance or absence of each student on a daily basis.*

*(B) Each school district and open-enrollment public charter school shall have a policy detailing how a record of pupil attendance shall be kept for public school students who attend school via virtual or remote learning programs if the method for detailing attendance is different from the method required under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.*



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-222(b)(3), concerning suspension of the motor vehicle operator's license of a student fourteen (14) years of age or older who is no longer in school, is amended to read as follows:

(3) This section applies with the same force and effect to students attending school via virtual or remote learning programs.

(4) The department ~~shall have the power to~~ may promulgate rules to carry out the intent of this section and shall distribute to each public, private, and parochial school and each adult education program a copy of all rules adopted under this section.

/s/A. Clark

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