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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO
PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH FLEXIBILITY REGARDING
ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH
FLEXIBILITY REGARDING ALTERNATIVE
LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-503(a)(1)(C), concerning disciplinary policies required for public school districts, is amended to read as follows:

(C) The discipline policy required under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall include provisions for:

(i) Placement of a student with disciplinary, socially dysfunctional, or behavioral problems not associated with a physical or mental impairment or disability in an alternative learning environment provided by the district, if the district provides an alternative learning environment; and

(ii) Procedures for responding to reports received through the school safety and crisis line under § 6-18-111.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-48-102 is amended to read as follows:

6-48-102. Alternative learning environment ~~required~~ – Reporting.



(a)(1) A school district ~~shall~~ may provide one (1) or more alternative learning environments for all students who meet the minimum criteria established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(2) A school district ~~complies with this section if the school district provides~~ may provide an alternative learning environment by one (1) or more of the following methods:

(A) ~~Establishes and operates~~ Establishing and operating an alternative learning environment;

(B) ~~Cooperates~~ Cooperating with one (1) or more other school districts to establish and operate an alternative learning environment;

(C) ~~Uses~~ Using an alternative learning environment operated by an education service cooperative established under The Education Service Cooperative Act of 1985, § 6-13-1001 et seq.; or

(D) ~~Partners~~ Partnering with a state-supported institution of higher education and technical institutes to provide concurrent courses or technical education options for academic learning to students in grades eight through twelve (8-12).

(b) Annually, a school district that provides an alternative learning environment under this section shall submit to the division:

(1) Information on race and gender of the students educated in the alternative learning environment;

(2) Any other information regarding students educated in alternative learning environments that the division requires by rule; and

(3) An assurance statement that the school district is in compliance with this chapter.

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